

WASTES KING IN BUDGET STORY

FOODERS GET GOOD BARGAINS AT HORSE SALE

Buyers Well Satisfied With Prices Paid For Clydesdales Imported Through Local Government.

ONLY SIX TAKEN OUT OF PROVINCE

Whether the sale of Clydesdales that the local government was the means of having imported was a success, depends on the point of view from which the matter is considered. Mr. Wm. Meharey the importer states that the sale did not come up to his expectations as he lost considerable money in consequence.

Sixty-four fillies sold. Sixty-four fillies in all were sold for a total amount of \$17,735, an average of \$274.00 per horse. The highest price realized for any one animal was obtained for the mare Lady Hodgson, a beautiful animal, foaled June 1907, which was purchased by Sheriff John O'Brien, of Nelson, Northumberland county for \$370. Mr. H. W. Smith of Canterbury, York county, purchased a light horse named Leslie for \$175 which was the lowest price paid for any animal.

The two Clydesdale stallions, Southwick and Ace of Spades, which were included in the importation, were not sold, as a fair price was not offered. Representatives from some provincial agricultural societies, who had intended to be present at the sale to bid on the stallions failed to arrive, but it is possible that arrangements may yet be made to obtain them for the province.

Names and Prices.
The names of the horses and their purchasers followed:
No. 1—Lady Hodgson, sold to Mr. John O'Brien of Nelson, N.B. for \$370.
No. 2—Dorling of Wetheriggs, sold to Mr. Jas. A. Gallop of the Tobique for \$255.
No. 3—Dollar Princess, sold to Mr. Charles de Marchant, of Perth for \$265.
No. 4—Countess of Tres, sold to Mr. Richard Paterson, of Sussex, for \$255.
No. 5—Mollie, sold to Mr. J. W. S. Blinn of Sackville, for \$305.
No. 6—Janie Wallace, sold to Mr. John Harper, of Woodstock, for \$275.
No. 7—N. Irelia, sold to McLaughan Bros. of Blackville, for \$350.
No. 8—Jenny Johnston, sold to Mr. Wm. N. Johnson, of Nelson, for \$305.
No. 9—Cowie Darling, sold to Mr. Geo. Maduin, of Florenceville, for \$275.
No. 10—Bessie Weir, sold to Mr. R. W. Menzie, of Springfield, N. B., for \$260.
No. 11—Anchortio Jean, sold to Mr. Elias Dalgie, of Edmunston, for \$255.
No. 12—Patrician Maid, sold to Mr. Geo. Eccles, of Westfield, for \$245.
No. 13—Jess of the Guards, sold to Mr. D. W. Pickett, of Andover, for \$235.
No. 14—Cherry Blossom, sold to Mr. P. T. Prescott, of Sussex, for \$275.
No. 15—Firin of Bampton, sold to Mr. W. H. Moore, of Scotch Settlement, for \$240.
No. 16—Attractive Baroness, sold to Mr. Thos. Hourthahn, of Woodstock, for \$240.
No. 17—Lady Thornton, sold to Mr. D. W. Pickett, of Andover, for \$355.
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FIELDING'S EXPOSITION OF THE NATIONAL FINANCES REVEALS OF EXTRA VAGANCE

The Story of a Twelve Months' Carnival of Reckless Expenditure Made Notable By An Adverse Balance of Trade of \$104,000,000—High Water Mark Reached in Interest Paid On Loans—Current Expenditure Shows Increase of \$7,422,780 Over Previous Year.

With regard to 1908-9 the revenue was \$85,093,404, a drop of \$10,961,101 from the previous year. Expenditure \$84,064,232. Surplus on carried account \$1,029,171. The current expenditure has shown an INCREASE OF \$7,422,780 OVER THE PREVIOUS YEAR. Of these increases the heaviest has been in public works \$3,578,000. The expenditure on capital account, bounties and railway subsidies totalled \$43,922,161. Deducting current account, surplus, sinking fund, etc., THERE REMAINS A DEBT INCREASE OF \$45,969,419. Revenue This Year.

The record for 1909-10 is more cheerful. Lost ground has been recovered and the financial situation is on a new record. The revenue for the eight months ending last December was \$64,556,509, an INCREASE OF \$2,542,227 at a rate of about \$1,200,000 INCREASE A MONTH. If the last four months of the year equal the same period last year the revenue for the year will be \$94,643,487. But the estimate for the year shows an increase, though not so large as in the earlier part of the year, as the revival of the railway subsidies, allowing for an increase of \$2,800,000 in the four months period, he anticipated A REVENUE OF \$97,500,000. That would be \$3,500,000 better than the record. This estimate he regarded as safe. The revenue may come still nearer the hundred million mark and may pass it.

Expenditure This Year.

As for the expenditure, as a result of last year's pruning, the expenditure on consolidated funds in the present year is expected to be about \$1,000,000; so that there will be a reduction of three millions in the expenditure. The deficit for 1909-10 is estimated as consolidated fund of \$16,500,000. The capital and special expenditure voted for the current year has been \$30,454,759, against \$27,000,000 voted last year. Twenty millions of this go to the Transcontinental railway, which will be spent as with the other ten by the Department of Railways and Bounties, etc., will account for \$5,500,000. Thus there is a total expenditure on capital and special account of \$36,000,000. It is estimated that the total debt will be \$1,250,000 SO THAT THE TOTAL DEBT INCREASE WILL BE \$17,500,000.

GERMAN PERIL AS FACTOR IN BRITISH FIGHT

Unionist Press Makes War Scare Do Valiant Duty In Election Campaign—The Liberals And Armaments.

LULL IN CRISIS DUE TO FATIGUE

Special to The Standard. London, Dec. 14.—The lull in the political crisis is due chiefly to the sheer exhaustion of the leading combatants on both sides after the prolonged session. In some cases Radical and Unionist fighters are agreeing upon a truce until after Christmas. Mr. Balfour himself went yesterday to his Scottish seat to rest and play golf until after Christmas, but Messrs. Lloyd-George and Churchill continue fighting all they know. It is regarded as significant that one of the few occasions upon which Mr. Balfour will speak before the election is in support of the candidature in the supply bill. Balfour's approval of Professor Helms, secretary of the Right Hon. J. Chamberlain's tariff commission. This is taken to indicate that Mr. Balfour's approval of the tariff commission policy of moderate duties with a preference.

Reduction in Armaments. The Daily Mail campaign against Germany on the strength of investigations of the Socialist leader, Blatchford, is being used to convince the British electors of the wisdom of trusting the destinies of the Empire to men who desire to reduce armaments.

Mr. Blatchford's article today ends thus: "To some of us there is sufficient cause for anxiety as regards German intentions in the facts that the King's ministers of the King must in the nature of things possess knowledge which we lack." "They are anxious; they warn the country of impending dangers. Are we to believe they are mistaken, or is it reasonable to assume that the King's political navy and military advisers are better informed than the King's members and Mr. Winston Churchill?"

In this connection Mr. Borden and Mr. Foster obtained some information as to the Transcontinental.

Up to 31 March, 1909, the expenditure on the Transcontinental and the Quebec bridge was \$58,391,263.

Adding the \$20,000,000 which were spent in the current year, we have an expenditure up to 31st of March, 1910, of rather more than \$78,000,000. The appropriation for the coming year is \$7,000,000, so new expenses must be \$85,000,000.

LABOR HURLS SHUNTLET AT STEEL TRUST

War Formally Declared Against United States Steel Corporation—By Organized Labor—Closed Shop The Slogan.

APPEAL IS MADE FOR FINANCIAL AID

Pittsburg, Pa., Dec. 14.—War was formally declared on the United States Steel Corporation by the leaders of organized labor throughout the United States and Canada at the close of a two-day conference today. The decision to battle, long and hard against the stand taken by the Steel Corporation in its policy of "open shop," was reached by the labor conferees only after hours of debate and a deal of trouble.

At the conference which passed the remarkable battle decree, Samuel Gompers, president of the American Federation of Labor, presided, and through him the message was put upon the record books of the executive of the Federation. The grievances of organized labor against the Steel Corporation as set forth in the resolution have been forwarded to President Taft and the United States Senate and House of Representatives. The government is set forth in the resolution that the United States Steel Corporation owns plants or has interests will also receive a copy of the resolution.

The resolution deals principally with the low wages paid the men in the employ of the Steel Corporation; the hours of work and the general condition of oppression under which the corporation is alleged to hold its employees.

The Resolution. "A crisis in the affairs of labor has arisen. The gigantic trust, the United States Steel Corporation, is using its great wealth and power in an effort to rob the toilers of their right to organize and to secure for themselves the opportunity to resist its further encroachments. Grown rich by the consent of the people of our country, this corporation in its mad greed for still greater riches, makes and unmakes laws, its enactors and executors and is now engaged in an effort to destroy the only organized labor—standing between it and unlimited, unchecked and unbridled industrial, political, social and moral outrage. If they exist, any vituperation in our time and life to check the absolute autocratic domination of civil, industrial and political life of our people and our republic, it must be found in the indomitable will and mission of the much misunderstood and misrepresented organizations of labor."

The United States Steel Corporation has declared war on labor. In its secret councils, this corporation has decreed that the only obstacle to its complete sway—organized labor—shall be crushed. The labor organizations consist of its employees, the workers and their wives and little ones' human flesh and blood, who have no power other than safeguarding their lives, their character, their future, the safety of the republic and humanity."

These factors now confront each other. By their purposes, attitude and actions must they be judged. On June 1, 1909, the United States Steel Corporation proclaimed its decree of hostility toward labor. The right of the workers to associate for their common protection was no longer to be recognized or tolerated. Accompanying that decree was a notice of a future reduction in the already scant wages of the workers. The decree went into effect July 1, 1909. We therefore urge that an earnest effort be made to thoroughly organize all employees in the iron, steel and tin plate industry, and subsidiary related trades.

Owing to immediate pressing necessity caused by the present strike and the indefensible hostile attitude of the United States Steel Corporation we earnestly call upon all national and international unions of America to send at least one organizer to assist in this work. We further urge and recommend that in all places where mills are located, that central labor organizations appoint special committees with instructions to co-operate in this work. For educational purposes we recommend that this manifesto be made a special order in all central labor organizations at the first meeting in January, 1910.

We recommend that the executive committee of the American Federation of Labor issue a circular to all unions of America an appeal for financial contributions to aid the striking iron and steel and tin plate workers.

We further recommend that the amount of such contribution should be not less than ten cents per member.

In view of the great wrongs perpetrated by the United States Steel Corporation, not only against the workers, but the public generally, we recommend that a committee be appointed by this conference to wait upon the president of the United States, the president of the United States Senate, the speaker of the House of Representatives and such

BASEBALL MAGNATES IN DEADLOCK
New York, N. Y., Dec. 14.—Routine matters alone were disposed of by the Board of Directors of the National Commission of Professional Baseball Clubs, which convened here today, consequently the all-important question of electing a president will not be taken up until tomorrow.

The situation apparently is deadlocked with John M. Ward, commanding the votes of the New York, Brooklyn, Chicago and Philadelphia clubs and John A. Heydler, the present president sure of the support of the Cincinnati, Pittsburgh and Boston clubs. Stanley Robinson, of St. Louis, holds the deciding vote but he has not as yet decided for whom he will cast.

KING LEOPOLD BETTER NOW

His Majesty Recovering From Operation Of Yesterday—Signs New Military Law—The Heir Presumptive.
Brussels, Dec. 14.—King Leopold today underwent a most serious operation and attended science by the manner in which he withstood it. His remarkable recuperative powers manifested themselves directly he regained consciousness and the optimistic spirit which he has shown throughout the course of his illness returned to him. He expressed satisfaction when informed of the details of the operation, which was for relief of a simple obstruction of the intestines.

Tonight the king is making a plucky fight for life. He was even strong enough to sign the new military law, just passed by the senate. But the battle has not yet been completely won. It is understood that the real feeling of his physicians and household is not so hopeful as the official bulletins would indicate. The crisis will probably last three days. There is a possibility that the intestine will be gripped by paralysis and another operation would be necessitated.

Leopold emerged from the operation of enterotomy with a regular pulse and cheerful. He was so talkative that the doctors had to warn him, after which the patient fell into a light refreshing slumber. The condition of His Majesty tonight is stated to be satisfactory.

In view of the condition of the king, interest is concentrated upon Prince Albert Leopold, the heir presumptive, son of the late Count of Flanders, King Leopold's brother. Prince Albert is in striking contrast to his uncle, being a young man of a cheerful and amiable disposition.

FAST SERVICE UP TO OTTAWA

Demonstration Against Zelaya Approaching Crisis In Nicaragua's Capital—Entire Country In Ferment.
Managua, Dec. 14.—The people of Managua are in open revolt against Zelaya without checking from the police. They are crowding the streets and giving vent to restrained denunciations of the administration. Shouts of "long live liberty," "long live the United States," "long live Mexico," "long live Estrada," are heard on every side.

The street demonstrations began last night following denunciatory speeches in congress, and the temper of the people was madly excited by the report that a battle had been fought and won by Vasquez, commander of the Zelaya forces around Managua, and that the revolutionists had sacrificed a large number of revolutionists. With this report came the additional rumor that Vasquez had violated the armistice and it was not considered likely that he would do so unless under instructions from Zelaya. These reports lost nothing in passing from mouth to mouth, with the result that the entire country is in a ferment.

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SIR THOMAS SHAUGHNESSY AT FISGHARD TALKS OF PROPOSED TRANS-ATLANTIC SERVICE—HIS SCHEME FOR DEFENCE.

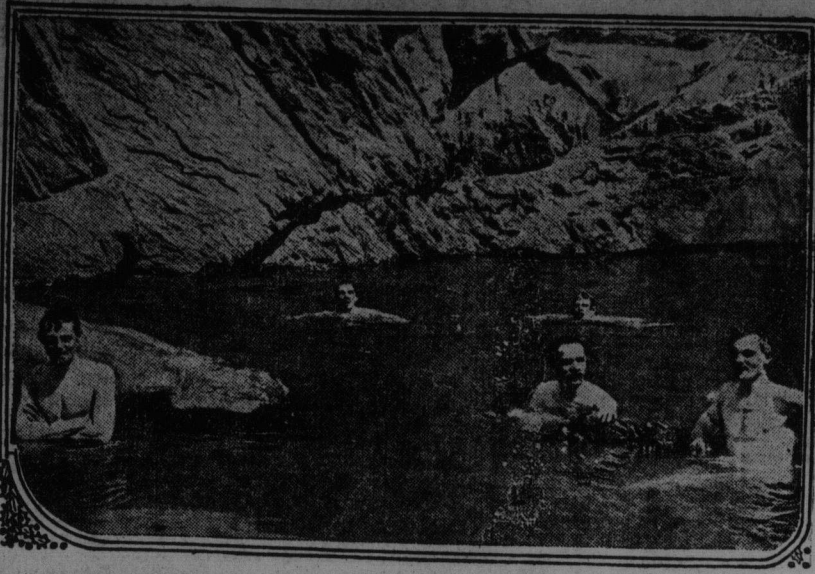
London, Dec. 14.—Sir Thomas Shaughnessy in an interview at Fishguard, gave his views on the navy question. He said: "On the question of Canada's naval contribution, personally I should like to see Canada ask Great Britain to draw up a plan and build two Dreadnoughts at Canada's expense; then we should lend them to Great Britain on a ninety-nine year lease for a dollar a year."

With regard to the projected developments in connection with the C. P. R. ocean fleet, he remarked:

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Xmas Under Southern Cross



BATHING IN THE RIVER ON CHRISTMAS, NEAR LADYSMITH, SOUTH AFRICA.

To one who has never been south of the equator, it seems more than strange to celebrate Christmas-day in the tropics in the same way as we do in this country which has regular summers and also good cold winters. A day of ideal Dominion Day weather—hot and dry and dusty, flowers

blooming everywhere, the fragrance of their perfume is wafted on every wind—such a day is Christmas day in the southern hemisphere.

South enjoy their Christmas just as hilariously as we do ours. Bathing in the river is a popular pastime, and the people of the far

STOCKINGS TO GO SHE SAYS

Lydia Sipkowska Says Women Should Discard Stockings as Unhealthy—Fewer Clothes the Better, She Opines.

Boston, Mass., Dec. 14.—If Lydia Lipkowska, a Russian songbird of the Boston Opera-House, has her way, stockings would be worn but little by women. The fair prima donna declares that woman is greatly hampered in her physical development by many unnecessary articles of clothing.

WHAT CANADA HAS TO OFFER THE INVESTOR

Member of Prominent English Firm Gives His Impressions of Dominion as a Field for the Capitalist.

(Canada, Dec. 4.) A member of a London firm prominently interested in Canadian finance has just returned from a business visit to Canada, and in conversation with a representative of Canada gave his views of the Dominion.

CHINESE ACTOR IS GIVEN HIS

New Leading Man Feels the Old One's Wrath—Meditations of a Mandarin Before a Dancing Girl.

New York, Dec. 14.—The little chop-choy man who attended only to his work upon the stage of the Chinatown theatre last night as he hustled about to prepare for the first act. He didn't see by the first act of small gas lamps the eggs were thrown at young Ho

NOTE DOWN PROPOSITION ON MILITARISM

Presbytery of St. John Will Take No Part in Politics—Much Business at Quarterly Meeting Yesterday.

The quarterly meeting of the Presbytery of St. John was held in St. Andrew's church yesterday morning. Those present were Reverends F. Baird, Sussex; G. Dickie, St. John; Dr. Smith, Fredericton; A. B. Dickie, Sackville; E. Thorpe, St. George; J. Macpherson, Harvey; J. P. Harvey, Warwick; W. W. Rennie, Milltown; S. Farley, Norton; G. M. Ireland, Woodstock; J. J. McCaskill, H. R. Reed, James Ross, W. M. Townsend, A. A. Graham, L. A. McLean, D. Lang, A. John. The elders present were Judge Forbes, W. J. Parks and Dr. McLaren, St. John, and H. S. Campbell of Fredericton.

Reports on Organization. Rev. W. W. Rennie submitted the reports of the roll committee, showing the organizations of the different congregations and the year of organization as follows: St. Andrew's church, 1784; St. James, 1855; Greenock, St. Andrew's, 1824; St. Paul's, Fredericton, 1823; Richmond, 1834; Woodstock, 1834; St. Stephen's, St. John, 1834; Springfield, 1844; St. Stephen's, St. Stephen, 1834; St. John's, Moncton, 1835; Harvey, 1829; Chipman, 1840; Nawsiaak and Stanley, 1843; St. John's, St. John, 1843; Carleton, 1845; Prince William, 1849; Calvary, St. John, 1855; St. George, 1856; Sussex, 1857; Glassville, 1864; Florenceville, 1867; Kincardine, 1874; Grand Falls, 1875; Dorchester and Sackville, 1881; Lotville, 1886; St. James, Millville, 1893; Fairville, 1895; Waterford, 1896; St. Matthew's, St. John, 1896; Fort Kent. These congregations will be guided by seniority as to the number of delegates.

CAPTAIN LOOSE THREE KILLED IN TRAIN CRASH

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CAPT. AUGUST W. LOOSE.

Winnipeg, Dec. 14.—The Big Four Twentieth Century No. 26, eastbound, second section, en route from St. Louis to New York, came together in a rear-end collision with passenger train No. 10 on the Lake Shore Railway at Nothast, Pa., sixteen miles east, last midnight. By a seeming miracle but three Italians were killed, seven other persons seriously injured, and probably 25 more or less cut and bruised. According to the story brought here by persons aboard a relief train sent from New York, the cause is yet unknown, but the train was eastward in the approach to a clear-cut for the approaching 60-mile-an-hour flyer. According to persons who were aboard train No. 10, a stop had been made at Northeast delaying the train for some time. Without warning there came a crash and a splintering of wood, and before any warning cry could be uttered the rear coach of the train No. 10 had been splintered by the heavy engine hauling the Twentieth Century. Northeast being but a hamlet and at night cut off except by railway telegraph lines from outside world, news of the wreck travelled slowly. After midnight a relief train reached here that two freight trains had run together, head-on, at Northeast, with no fatalities. By a roundabout way the report was found to be erroneous.

Lonely Vigil IS REWARDED IN CASH

Resina, Saskatchewan, Dec. 14.—The lonely vigil of Charles Farr, who waited the steps of the Dominion Land Office from Thursday night last until Saturday morning to secure a coveted homestead, was rewarded in a most gratifying manner. The plot of land, valued at \$4,600. It was the most desirable quarter section and the weather was bitterly cold. Farr was provided by friends with a chair and blankets and stuck to his post with his hand on the door knob.

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Hamilton, Ont., Dec. 14.—Mr. T. L. Kinrade and his family intend moving to Calgary, where Mr. and Mrs. Montrose Wright are now located. One son, already has left for the West and other members of the family will follow this week. Mr. Kinrade has disposed of much of his real estate in Hamilton.

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THE BITTER BITTEN IN GREAT BRITAIN

Tricks Played on a Yankee Tenderfoot in London—Some Things the Englishman Knows How to Charge For.

New York, Dec. 14.—"If there is any Yankee who thinks he can sell wooden nutmegs to a Britisher nowadays he'd better guess again," said an American who returned recently after working in Europe for many years for a New York concern.

"I sent out my overcoat and my best suit. Presuming these would have cost in New York about a dollar, or a dollar and a half at the outside. When the clothes came back a bill came with them almost a foot long. Each garment was charged for separately, and the amount was charged for separately. There are common stocks which would pay to buy, but there the investor would need advice. Again, the guarantee of a thing is a bond does not invest who is behind the thing in which he is interested and must always be investigated. Take this back to the tailor and tell him it is outrageous," I told Henry. He returned and said the tailor said it was correct. As a result of what I told him Henry went once more to the tailor's and came back with the bill diminished to \$62. I was still far from satisfied but sent the money. After I had done a bit of investigating I found shops where I could have similar work done for 75 cents or a dollar. The other tailor had looked at the labels in my clothes, and looked me just because I was a blooming Yankee.

THE BATTERED

Asked whether he thought the tendency to form mergers in Canada was likely to be beneficial or otherwise, the financier said:—"Perhaps the tendency is becoming too common, but provided that it is not overdone, I think the effect is beneficial generally. One or two of the worst mergers have been eminently satisfactory. You must not think that everything in the nature of a trust is to be condemned because it is a trust. For instance, the United States Steel Corporation has been of great advantage to the whole world and especially to the industrial world. It has equalized the trade and lifted it over bad periods. Of course, the power of a trust is great, and everything depends on the way in which it uses that power. But provided that it uses it power wisely, a trust or merger is more of a benefit than an evil. It may be said that a trust does away with competition and that it squeezes out the little man. True, but it also lessens the cost of production, and, therefore, provided it uses its power properly, it supplies goods to the public at a cheaper rate than could be done under old conditions. Trusts will be formed as the logical outcome of present-day conditions. They are inevitable. No alarm need be felt so long as mergers preserve a high level of business morality, and do not allow themselves to use a tariff wall as a means of misusing their power, as has happened in the United States. No one would suggest that Canada should do without a tariff, but the tariff must be kept at a moderate level and have regard to the general good of the country rather than to that of individuals."

"What advice would you give a British investor who wished to put money into Canadian concerns?" "I think the average small investor should stick to bonds and debenture stock and a few carefully selected preferences. But it is difficult to generalize. There are common stocks which it would pay to buy, but there the investor would need advice. Again, the guarantee of a thing is a bond does not invest who is behind the thing in which he is interested and must always be investigated. Take this back to the tailor and tell him it is outrageous," I told Henry. He returned and said the tailor said it was correct. As a result of what I told him Henry went once more to the tailor's and came back with the bill diminished to \$62. I was still far from satisfied but sent the money. After I had done a bit of investigating I found shops where I could have similar work done for 75 cents or a dollar. The other tailor had looked at the labels in my clothes, and looked me just because I was a blooming Yankee.

Home Missions.

Rev. G. E. Ireland submitted the reports of the Home Mission committee. Several reports had been received since the meeting of the various branches of this body. The committee recommended that the deficit of \$48 be paid to the theological student in charge of the mission field. It was carried that the home mission field be divided into groups with centres at Grand Falls, St. John, St. Stephen, Fredericton, Sussex and Moncton, with ministers in charge of each group. Rev. G. Dickie moved and Rev. J. M. Macleod seconded a motion approving of the recommendation.

Resolution was read from Moncton in the building of a new church. A motion sanctioning a grant of \$200 from the Wiley funds, and \$200 from the center and Manse Building funds, was made and unanimously carried. The report on hospital visitation was read by Rev. L. A. McLean and adopted. The matter of mortgaging the Grand Falls church was referred to the home mission committee to act upon. Rev. G. E. Ireland submitted the reports of the Augmentation Fund, and recommended the distribution of \$16,500 among the various branches. The recommendation was adopted. A letter was read from the trustees of St. James church, Milltown, stating that while the debt of the church had been materially increased, and several members had removed, no help had been given by the Presbytery to the church. Judge Forbes moved that the church and manse building fund take this matter in hand and assist St. James in the matter so that the interests of all would be served. Moral and Social Reform. The report on the Moral and Social Reform Association was brought to the attention of the court by Rev. A. A. Graham. The past year had been a most satisfying one. It had been learned from Ottawa that instructions had been issued to the I. C. R. re: the matter of carrying liquor into Scott Act territory and special efforts would be made to carry on the work. Including the deficit of \$200 from last year it was reported that \$11,000 will be needed for the general fund. Contributions from each congregation will be asked and a committee was appointed.

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SAINT JOHN, WEDNESDAY MORNING, DEC. 15, 1909.

THE BUDGET.

The Minister of Finance has added another to the list of the proudest days in his life. In dealing with this year and last he is able to claim for one or other of them the largest revenue, the largest expenditure, and the largest increase of debt on record. He could have put his statement in the form of claiming the largest taxation, and the greatest total of graft. But these are not matters to which ministers of finance point with pride.

Last year there was a deficit on current account. Mr. Fielding figures out a surplus of a trifle over a million, but he still refuses to include in current expenditure the amounts paid in bounties on iron, steel, lead, oil and twine production, though by no possible interpretation can this be regarded as capital outlay since there is nothing to pretend to show for it. These bounties took last year \$2,467,206, which went toward the increase of \$45,969,419 in the debt.

The net debt of Canada last March was \$323,930,279. The minister expects it to be increased to \$341,000,000 by next March. When the present Government took office, the debt was \$258,599,000 and the Liberal party pledged not to increase it. At that time the ordinary expenditures were less than \$37,000,000 and this was described by Mr. Fielding as outrageous. The estimated outlay for this year is \$51,000,000. The amount raised by taxation has also more than doubled.

Mr. Fielding may be excused for congratulating himself on a buoyant revenue. But the more revenue he has, the more money he has to borrow, for the expenditure is always more buoyant than the revenue. Canada has never known such raids on the money market as she has seen in the last few years. Yet the Grand Trunk Pacific is not our first Transcontinental.

Mr. Foster reminds Mr. Fielding of these things, and shows that at least half of last year's \$46,000,000 debt increase could have been avoided by ordinary prudence. Mr. Fielding has not much hope of benefit from the French treaty, and Sir Richard Cartwright has none. But the Minister of Finance suggests negotiations with Germany and Italy on similar lines. These suggestions need not be taken too seriously. The negotiations with France have not left such pleasant recollections with Mr. Fielding, that he will go much farther on that road at present. There is no harm in having it known at Washington that the United States is not the only country with which we can deal. But until the attitude of the Mother Country in the matter of preference is defined it is not likely that Canada will commit herself to further negotiations.

THE MONTREAL CIVIC SCANDALS.

Judge Cannon left no room for doubt or dispute as to the meaning of his finding on the charges of civic corruption and malversation in Montreal. The commissioner declares that about one-fourth of the revenue of the city has been dissipated and that most of the remainder has been improvidently expended. He convicts of direct graft or corruption no less than eight aldermen, one of whom is a member of the Dominion Parliament. The judge also convicts Benoit, who at the time of his offence was chief of the fire department; Morin and Dubois, who were sub-chiefs; Viau who was captain, and several firemen. He finds quartermaster Holland of the police department guilty, and mentions contractors and middlemen Brunet, Belanger, with some other persons. The judge recommends the prosecution of these. In the meantime he taxes them individually with the costs that attach to the inquiry in each case.

Alderman Proulx is connected in the verdict of the police department graft. He and others were parties to the corrupt discontinuance of fifty-six prosecutions. Chairman Proulx managed the building of a police station so as to permit his friends to carry out fat profits for themselves, giving opportunity to his supporters to unload a property owned by his wife, and to get rid of it so advantageously to the city that he bought diamonds for his wife and banqueted Ald. Proulx. The same alderman enabled his brothers to profit largely on contracts in which were fraud and collusion. Another fire station let by contract was built shorter and lower than the specifications and wood was substituted for steel. The judge finds conspiracy in which the alderman, his brothers, the contractors, and the architect were all involved. It was found that saloon-keepers and other offenders were able to have prosecutions set aside by payment of money including allowances to the aldermen in the police department. Chief Campeau is not reported among those to be prosecuted, but the judge says that he was a most willing tool in the hands of certain aldermen. It was found that one hotel keeper was able to secure the appointment of fifteen firemen all from the same village.

The judge makes some recommendations respecting city government. One is that the ward system be abolished, and all the aldermen be elected to represent the entire city. He advises the abolition of the control of police by the council. His plan is that the provincial government appoint a police commission for the whole province, and that all policemen for all cities be appointed by that body.

This brings the city of Montreal to the testing time. The judge has found the majority of the aldermen implicated in corrupt and improper transactions. He points out that the next council will have the duty of prosecuting the culprits as well as reforming the methods. There is no doubt that the remains of this ring will make some fight in the next municipal election

and that some of them will bring to bear on their party all the political influence they can command. The alderman who is in Parliament is a strong supporter of the Laurier ministry, as are most of those whose conduct has been exposed. It remains to be seen whether he will be asked by the Liberal leaders to resign his seat in the Commons. He will probably protest against any such request, pointing out that whatever may be Judge Cannon's views the Government at Ottawa has never given its supporters any reason to believe that it was wrong to take or give a rake-off in public contracts.

THE KING AND MR. ASQUITH.

It is not easy to understand the "high ministerial authority" who says that after the Liberals shall have won the coming election, when the King calls upon Mr. Asquith to form a ministry the leader will refuse except upon assurance of His Majesty that the Lords will forego their power of veto.

In the first place the King will not need to ask Mr. Asquith to form a Government since the Premier will already be at the head of a ministry.

Secondly the King will certainly give no assurance as to what the Lords may or may not do, since the King has no more control over the Lords than over the Commons.

Should the Liberals win in the coming contest, Mr. Asquith will either retain office under present conditions or resign. If he resigns and no other Liberal will take his place, the King will be obliged to send for Mr. Balfour who might accept office and retain it until Parliament met and his government was defeated, or might refuse and throw the burden on the party which had a majority in the Commons.

But it is quite unlikely that any such situation will arise. If Mr. Asquith is sustained, he will call the new parliament and re-enact the budget. The Lords will be obliged by his own declaration to accept the decision of the people and the bill will become law. After that Mr. Asquith can go on with his reformation of the Lords.

But we may be satisfied that King Edward will give no assurance to Premier Asquith concerning the course of any branch of Parliament.

THE CLYDESDALES.

The sale of Clydesdale mares yesterday by arrangement with the Government resulted in the distribution of the whole consignment among New Brunswick men, except five which were purchased for Nova Scotia and one which was captured by a man from Maine. The prices are considered moderate for pure bred stock of that class, and there is no doubt that the province at large will get much benefit from this importation. The provincial government puts on a level the purchasers in all parts of the province by paying for the transportation to the home of the owner all those which are to remain in New Brunswick. This and the other incidental expenses will not be a great drain on the treasury while the province will gain as much as if the Government had imitated the late ministry which managed to make heavy losses on each importation. It is found that a prudent and progressive department can accomplish much for the province without reckless expenditure. So far as The Standard can learn the farmers and breeders who have acquired these Clydesdales are greatly pleased with the stock and satisfied with the price.

NEW BRUNSWICK FRUIT EXHIBITS.

All New Brunswickers are reasonably proud of their province. But few of those who saw the fruit exhibit in the market building on Monday were prepared for such a display of apples from this province. It was the same collection which had just taken a score of prizes at the Anheuser winter fair, and no one who saw the fruit would be surprised that it was so successful. Yet Mr. S. L. Peters says that he could have furnished a much better exhibit if the fair had been held sooner, or he had gone about the preparations earlier. Owners of some of the best orchards had sent their picked fruit to market before the collection was made. In a few cases Mr. Peters followed the produce to the purchaser and recovered a sample. It should be said that Mr. Peters has been exceedingly zealous and enthusiastic in this matter. He has always been an earnest advocate of fruit growing in this province, and is himself a successful orchardist. The success of the New Brunswick exhibits on both sides of the Atlantic is a triumph for Mr. Peters as well as for the province.

THE EDITOR OF THE GLOBE.

No Canadian editor in daily journalism can rise to dispute the right of Senator Ellis to claim the longest unbroken period of service on one paper. There are not many journals to consider in determining such a question. Of those which existed when Senator Ellis took possession of the Globe, there are not many survivors, and these have had many editors in forty-eight years. The Telegraph dates back to some years before confederation, but has had eight or ten editors. The Sun was started in 1878 and has had four. The Halifax Recorder is a very old paper and though it has been in the control of one family between two score and three score years, the editorial seat has had many occupants. But the Globe has had one editor, and has always expressed the views he desired to utter. More than most journals, it has been a personal organ. The Globe has been, and is, a Liberal journal. The editor is himself a Liberal. But neither have felt obliged to sanction everything that is done or said on the name of liberalism. The editor of the Globe seems to be as well able to do his day's work as other newspaper men, and it is reasonable to expect that two years hence he may celebrate the half century of steady service.

The statement made by Mr. Asquith last week that Liberal success at the polls will be followed by Irish Home Rule legislation, has been followed by the declaration of the Nationalist party that they will support the Government in the election. Mr. Redmond has proved equal to the occasion, and has brought the Premier to his terms.

Alderman Scully has convinced the Telegraph that the city wants to pay one-third the cost of Navy Island bridge. It is now only necessary for the alderman to convince the city.

Zelazki will soon be ready for the hanging. The preliminary proceedings of giving him a bad name has been pursued with great diligence.

The relations between President Taft and the two political parties at Ottawa are like the quality of mercy. They are not strained.

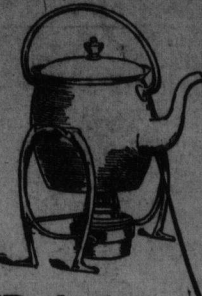
Balfour is as bad as Nero. He plays golf while Lloyd-George is burning.

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IN THE COURTS PROBATE COURT. Estate of Madame DeBury. In the probate court yesterday morning, hearing was adjourned in the matter of the estate of Madame DeBury. This matter having been adjourned from time to time for about two years, pending some proceedings which have not yet come up for hearing in equity, the court intimated that the rights of creditors could not thus be indefinitely postponed, and if it is not shown on the date to which adjournment is now made that satisfactory progress has been made, an application, if made, will be entertained for the appointment of an administrator, and if such application is not made, that possibly an appointment would be made otherwise. Daniel Mullin, K. C., proctor contra; William A. Ewing proctor for the executors named in one of the wills; E. T. C. Knowles, K. C., proctor for the executor and trustee of a deceased devise; Amos A. Wilson, K. C., and Stephen S. Palmer, proctors for creditors.

AT THE HOTELS. J. G. Connors, Philadelphia; Hamilton Peltz, New York; Emile Block, Chicago; W. H. Franklin, Boston; Mr and Mrs R. A. March, Hampton; J. Higher, Montreal; J. E. McConnell, London; Mrs. E. E. Maasie, H. S. G. Lindsey, Fredericton; Leo A. Miller, York; Mr and Mrs G. H. King, Chipman, Victoria. L. C. Daigle, Moncton; Alfred West, Cole's Island; C. W. Price, Mainhurst; Howard McCully, Annapolis; Burpee Freeze, Pettitcodiac; Jason Corey, Cherry Cabot; R. K. Barry, F. M. Boat, Chipman; E. Savage, Campbell; Rev. F. Carol, St. Andrews; A. McCausland, Brantford; M. J. McPherson, Harvey; Geo. A. Ulmer, Portland, Me.; J. H. Miller, Lunenburg; Leo A. Miller, Wm. McPhail, Lunenburg; H. H. Stevenson, Woodstock; John Russell, St. Andrews; Benj. A. Bull, James Burnham, William Graham; James A. Plender, W. Ferguson, Centreville; William E. Boyer, Florenceville; L. M. Wadhvi, Ottawa; W. O. Casey, Moncton; T. W. Johnson, W. Cummings, Truro; Rev. T. W. Street and wife, Fredericton; B. H. Kerr and wife, Milltown; A. T. Murchie, Benton; Geo. H. Beech, Holyday; J. John Sprague, Calais; John L. Pierson, Montreal; Geo. B. Jones, Andrew Bell, Aboquoqui; H. B. Fleming, Moncton; H. H. Melanson, Moncton; Frank D. McDonald, Summerside; F. T. Knysing, New York; William C. Boyne, Florenceville; James A. Huntley, Moncton; F. H. Fuller, Truro.

MARRIAGES. O'Brien-Murray. A quiet wedding was solemnized at seven o'clock yesterday morning in Holy Trinity church, when Rev. J. J. Walsh united in marriage Elizabeth J. Murray and Mr. Thomas L. O'Brien. The bride was attended by Miss Elyna Graham, who is Mr. Michael O'Brien's daughter. The bride wore a white and blue gown with a gold hat, the groom's gift to the bride was a gold watch and fob, to the bridesmaid a brooch and a necktie pin to the bridesmaid. Taylor-Price. The marriage of Miss Edna Louise, daughter of Mrs. John Pitt Price, of Havelock, N. B., to Doctor Richard Allison Taylor took place on Dec. 8th. Dr. and Mrs. Taylor will make their home in Lehighbridge, Alberta, where the doctor has a lucrative practice. The bride is a sister of Dr. L. H. Price of Moncton. Dr. Taylor is also a native of New Brunswick.

DEATHS. Mr. H. McNamee. Word has been received of the death of Mr. Hugh McNamee, at Somerville, Mass., on Nov. 29th. The deceased was a son of the late Rev. G. A. Hartley, of Carleton. Miss Maud Murphy. Miss Maud Murphy, daughter of Mrs. John Murphy, West Side, died suddenly at an early hour yesterday morning. Her heart was affected, but she had been in her ordinary good health on Monday. During the night she was taken ill, and died in her sister's arms. Miss Murphy, who was 22 years old, had a large circle of friends, who will deeply regret her death. Her mother, one sister, Eva, and two brothers, Hugh F. and Joseph, survive. The burial will take place on Thursday morning at 8.30 o'clock.

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FUNERALS. The funeral of Mrs. Eugenia McKenney, wife of Mr. Edward McKenney, took place from the Sacred Heart church, Waterville, Maine, at 9 o'clock on Monday morning, Dec. 6th. She died at midnight at her home on Upper College avenue, after a long and painful illness. She was forty-two years of age, and was born in Melrose, N. B., the daughter of James and Julia Carroll. Truro, N. S., Dec. 14.—W. L. Rutledge was this morning committed to stand trial on the charge of holding up W. J. Burgess at Truro. W. J. Burgess was remanded till Friday. His case will be the last of the trio charged with the express robbery.

PORTIONS OF WRECK PICKED UP. St. John, N. S., Dec. 14.—What is believed to be portions of the wreckage of a wooden steamer of about 2000 tons has been picked up at Bonavista about 150 miles north from here according to a dispatch received here today by the Marine and Fisheries Department.

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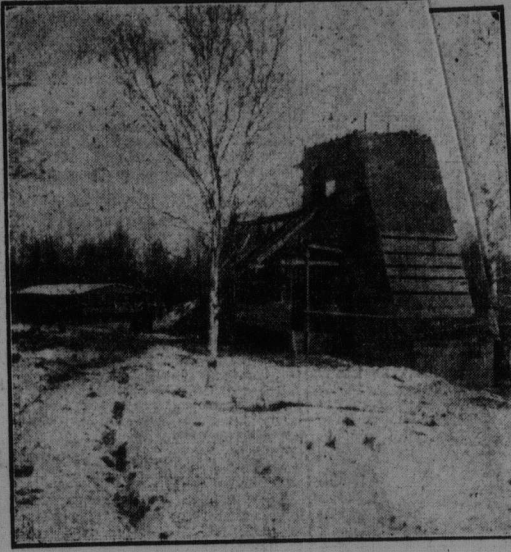
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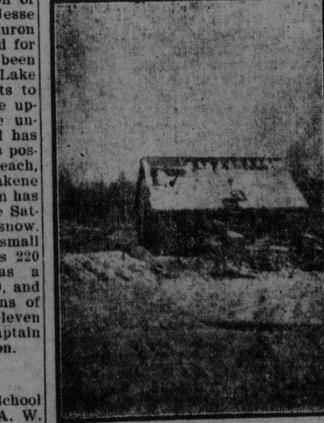
Wireless Telephony. London, Dec. 14.—The Daily Mail is authority for the statement that within a few weeks an apparatus will be installed which, if successful as experiments indicate, will enable the carrying on of verbal conversations between Eiffel Tower in Paris and the highest building in New York.

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Just at present, however, the corporation is more or less hampered with their output on account of shipping distances from the coal pocket would be forty-five miles, with the export governed a good deal by the ability of the company to procure boats.

The coal itself is bright, glossy and bituminous, capable of that amount of being handled in the screening to quite as much advantage as anthracite. With the present temporary screens the company is able to produce a fine quality of coal.

WHOLESALE ARRESTS MADE IN RUSSIA London, Dec. 14.—The St. Petersburg correspondent of the Daily Mail says that wholesale arrests of prominent persons have been made there and at Moscow.

LOCAL A Slight Fire. Shortly after 9 o'clock yesterday morning an alarm was rung in from Box 132 for a slight fire in a house owned by Mr. John Boyce on Chesley street.

Returning to Halifax. Mr. J. Legere, who took charge of the office of the Marine and Fisheries after the superannuation of Mr. Harding, will leave for Halifax at the end of the week.

Money on Call at 5 P. C. New York, N. Y., Dec. 14.—Close: Prime mercantile, 5 to 5 1/2 per cent. Sterling exchange, firm, at 4.84 1/2 to 4.84 3/4 for sixty day bills and at 4.87 1/2 for demand. Commercial bills, 4.83 1/2 to 4.84. Bar silver, 52 7/8. Mexican dollars, 44. Government bonds, firm; R. R. bonds, irregular.

Mr. Shaw's attention was called to the Salmon Bay district on a visit to this province about two years ago.

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St. John, Boston and Cuba Steamship Co's S. S. KAREN Will Sail Direct For HAVANA DECEMBER 22nd.

In The Supreme Court, In the matter of Francis Kerr Company, Limited, and in the matter of the Winding Up Act of His Honor Mr. Justice McKeown...

ELDER DEMPSTER LINE, S. S. BORNHOLD, 2,000 tons, will sail from St. John about the 15th day of January for Nassau, Havana, and will take cargo for Mexican ports...

MONTREAL STOCK MARKET, NEW YORK STOCK MARKET, TERDAY'S TRADING ON WALL STREET, PRODUCE MARKETS

Table of stock market data including Amalgamated Copper, American Beet Sugar, American Car and Foundry, American Locomotive, American Sugar, Anaconda Copper, etc.

AMERICAN PRODUCE MARKET, FISH MARKET, LUMBER MARKET

New York, N. Y., Dec. 14.—Flour—Mrs. Alfred Dobell and Co., Liverpool, held with a quiet trade. Spring wheat, 5.40 to 5.60; winter patents, 4.40 to 4.85...

Table of grain and produce prices including Wheat, Corn, Potatoes, Sugar, etc.

By direct private wire to J. C. Mackintosh & Co. The market is quiet, with a few scattered transactions. The demand for the various grades of flour is moderate...

CHICAGO CATTLE. Chicago, Ill., Dec. 14.—Cattle—Receipts, 11,000. Market weak. Steers, 6.00 to 9.00. Hogs—Receipts, 30,000. Market, 5.00 to 6.00 cents lower. Choice heavy, 8.50 to 8.65.

J. C. MACKINTOSH & CO. Members of Montreal Stock Exchange, 111 Prince Wm. St., St. John, N. B.

Special to The Standard. Montreal, Dec. 14.—European millers are waking up to the fact that flour prices on this side may be higher and for the last three or four days the inquiry has shown a steady increase...

DAILY ALMANAC. Sun rises today, 5.03 a. m. Sun sets today, 4.38 p. m. Sun rises tomorrow, 5.04 a. m. Sun sets tomorrow, 4.38 p. m.

The oat market is irregular, but developing firmness with Canadian wheat. The oat market is irregular, but developing firmness with Canadian wheat. The oat market is irregular, but developing firmness with Canadian wheat...

MINOR STOCKS STILL ACTIVE ON MARKET. New York, Dec. 14.—The stock market today was still characterized by the wide movements in stocks not usually prominent in the dealings...

CLOSING STOCK LETTER. New York, Dec. 14.—Today's stock market was subjected to the test of heavy profit taking which persisted virtually throughout the session...

CLOSING COTTON LETTER. New York, Dec. 14.—In the early session today the cotton market was stimulated by rumors that the National Cotton Ginners figures to be issued, Dec. 13th...

Winnipeg Wheat Market. St. John, N. B., Dec. 14.—The Orville Flour Mills Co., Ltd., supply the following quotations of the Winnipeg wheat market: Dec.—98% May—102%.

Slumps in Wheat. Chicago, Ill., Dec. 14.—Severe slumps due to general liquidation marked trading in the grain and provision pits today. The break in wheat followed a fresh advance to new high market...

Various small advertisements and notices on the right margin, including 'The Mercantile Marine', 'Shipping', and 'Arrived-Yesterday'.

GREGORY TO PLAY WITH RENFREW

SPORTS BOWLING, BASEBALL THE RING, FOOTBALL

INSURANCE MEN DEFEAT 2 H'S

Take Three Points in Closely Contested Game on Black's Alleys Last Night--Standard Trims Telegraph.

In a close and exciting game rolled on Black's alleys last evening the Insurance men pushed the Two H's down the toboggan slide to the tune of three points to one. The first named quintette piled up a team total of 271 timbers to the latter's 1243.

Table with 2 columns: Name and Score. Includes Machum, Gregory, Chase, Estey, Gilmore, Sullivan, Gambin, Cochrane, Crosby, Bartsch.

This evening the Electrics and Yanguis will line up.

The Standard types didn't do a thing to the Telegraph aggregation yesterday afternoon, except to capture three points out of four in a close exciting game. The scores, with one notable exception were low.

Table with 2 columns: Name and Score. Includes Magee, Barry, Irvine, Ingram, McCafferty, Patterson, Crawford, Sage.

WELCH WILL REFEREE THE BIG MILL

By Tip Wright. When Jack Johnson and Jim Jeffries fight, July 4, 1910, the third man in the ring will be Jack Welch.

Believe me, I am right, Jeffries, Berger, Johnson and Little are more than fighters and managers of fighters—they are regular business men, and I am not making too broad a statement when I say that one of the two managers has already made a proposition to the other to split the purse evenly.

YESTERDAY'S RESULTS AT THE Y.M.C.A.

Oxford won from Harvard as basketball yesterday afternoon at the Y. M. C. A. gym in the class A league, by a score of 7 to 4.

SPEAKING OF BIG PURSES

Illustration of a man in a suit and a man in a boxing stance. Text: 'KID PIERPONT, NOW TRAINING FOR THE "EQUITABLE LIFE" BATTLE.' 'SHIFTY JOHNNY DEE, SHOWING HIS FAMOUS CROUCH. SOME OF HIS BATTLES. SMALL DEALER - K-2 ROUNDS. COMMON PEOPLE - K-1 ROUND. US COURTS - DRAW.'

HERE ARE A FEW GLADIATORS WHO HAVE NEVER LOST A BATTLE AND ARE ALWAYS ANXIOUS TO SWAP PUNCHES WITH "MIDGET" COMMON PEOPLE.

INTERMEDIATE Y.M.C.A. LEAGUE IS FORMED

The intermediate gym class at the Y. M. C. A. has been divided into teams for the purpose of carrying out a series of games during the winter.

WITHINGTON IS CAPTAIN OF HARVARD

Boston, Dec. 14.—Lothrop Withington, Jr., was last night unanimously elected captain of the Harvard varsity football team for the season of 1910.

BANDITS WIN

In the Y. M. C. A. volleyball league last evening the Bandits defeated the Hornets by two points to one.

THE LATEST FROM OUR ONLY OWN

Bob Dunbar, sporting editor of the Boston Journal, drops the following: "A letter reached me from a youth from New Brunswick, who signs his name, and it was so funny I must tell you about it."

THE WORLD'S BOWLERS PAST AND PRESENT

Are the bowlers of today more expert than were the old hands at the game, and, if so, how much of the improvement can be described to throwing a superior ball and how much to the better alloys of the pin smashers have now to work over?

EARNINGS OF CANADIAN RAILROADS

Montreal, Dec. 14.—The earnings of the Canadian railroads continue to show large increases every week compared with the same period of last year.

GREGORY GOES TO RENFREW

Nova Scotian Secured for Renfrew After Bitter Fight--Gets \$1,000 for Season--Progress of the War.

STRIKEBREAKERS FOR SPRINGHILL TROUBLE

Cumberland Railway and Coal Co. Importing Foreigners to Break Strike--Carload Arrived Yesterday.

FATAL RESULTS FOLLOW SHOOTING ACCIDENT NEAR MAPLETON, NOVA SCOTIA--DID NOT KNOW IT WAS LOADED.

Amherst, N. S., Dec. 14.—The little hamlet of Mapleton, a few miles from Springhill, was the scene of a shooting fatality last Saturday afternoon.

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ACT WISELY GET A PIANO FOR XMAS

When you make an investment such as a Piano or Organ, see to it that you buy from the firm who in thirty-six years of upright dealing have sold in the Maritime Provinces over 14,000 PIANOS and ORGANS.

LATE SHIPPING

Foreign Ports. Boston, Mass., Dec. 14.—Sailed str Ivernia (Br) Liverpool, via Queens-

BIRTHS

Irvine.—At Brooklyn, N. Y., on the 10th inst., to the wife of W. Leonard Irvine, a son.

THE VILLA MODEL RANGE Second to None Easy on Fuel, a Perfect Baker, Direct Draft, Removable Nickel, Fitted with Plain or Dockash Grate, Manufactured in this city thus enabling you to have repairs promptly.

A Visible Writer The Empire Typewriter presents these important features:—Permanent alignment. Visible Writing. Minimized Keyboard, 28 keys, 84 characters; Simplicity, one-third of the parts found in others; Durability, steel parts hardened. Portability. Price \$60.00. Cash Discounts on easy terms.

FURS We are Still Showing a Full Variety of Muffs and Stoles, Men's Raccoon Coats, Men's Fur Lined Coats, Ladies' Fur Lined Coats, Ladies' Persian Lamb Coats, Fur Caps and Collars, and other Fur Articles, mostly our own manufacture.

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SPRINGHILL YOUTH SHOOTING COMPANION Fatal Results Follow Shooting Accident Near Mapleton, Nova Scotia--Did Not Know It Was Loaded.

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REPORTS AND DISASTERS. Portmouth, N. H., Dec. 14.—The tug Portland, which went ashore on Stone's Rock, two miles east of this harbor, December 10, was partly broken by last night's gale and will be a total wreck.

THE WEATHER.

Maritime—South and southwest winds, rain at first in Cape Breton, elsewhere partly cloudy and mild.

Toronto, Ont., Dec. 14.—Unsettled weather with rain and snow has prevailed today from the Lake Region to the Gulf of St. Lawrence accompanied in most districts by gales.

Washington, D. C., Dec. 14.—Forecast: Partly cloudy Wednesday, local snows and slightly colder in north portion. Thursday, partly cloudy, moderate west winds.

AROUND THE CITY

Who Owns the Dog? A small fox terrier bearing a tag, numbered 971, has been making its home in the Union depot for the past few days and has been causing much annoyance to the mail clerks.

Seaman's Mission Concert. The concert to be given this evening in the Seaman's Mission Institute by the crew of the S. S. Hesperian, promises to prove a great attraction.

The Ice Gave Way. While Mr. Arthur Bailey of Cedar street was enjoying the first skate of the season on Marble Cove Monday afternoon, the ice gave way beneath him and he fell through.

The Local Option Campaign. Plans for the local option campaign in Sydney and Stanley wards in the civic election next spring will be perfected at a meeting of the St. John County Temperance Federation to be held in the W. C. T. U. rooms, Gettysburg street, at 8 o'clock this evening.

Seaside Athletic Club. At a meeting of the Seaside Athletic Club held last evening in their rooms on Mill street, Mr. F. McGillicuddy was elected president for the ensuing year and Mr. E. J. Mahoney was appointed secretary.

Royal Arcanum Elect Officers. At the regular meeting of St. John Council 135 Royal Arcanum, held at their hall, Odd Fellows building last evening the following officers were elected: Regent, G. B. Martin; Vice Regent, H. H. James; Orator, J. B. Case; Past Regent, G. G. Wetmore;

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FISHING LOTS IN DREDGING AREA NOT OFFERED FOR SALE

Recorder Gives Opinion That Development Of Shipping Facilities Must Take Precedence Over Fishermen.

Acting on the advice of the recorder the committee appointed by the common council to arrange for the sale of the harbor fisheries yesterday afternoon decided to recommend that a number of lots south of Sand Point where dredging is being carried on will be withheld from sale when the rights are disposed of by public auction on the first Tuesday in January.

The recorder was present and his opinion being asked he stated that the whole question was whether the city could be compelled to sell the lots knowing they were to be dredged out.

CHRISTMAS CHEER TO BE DISPENSED BY TWO SOCIETIES

St. Andrew's Guild May Have Tree For Large Number Of Poor Children—W. C. T. U. Will Send Baskets.

Actuated by the Christmas spirit, various associations are already making preparations for distributing some of the good things in life to the poor of the city and yesterday two meetings were held at which charitable work on a large scale was planned.

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COMMITTEE ARE AGAINST SALE OF LANCASTER HOUSES

Will Recommend Council That City Retain The Property—Rentals Amount To \$7,000 In All.

The special committee appointed by the Board of Public Safety to inspect and report upon the advisability of selling the houses on the Lancaster lands, owned by the city as recommended by the mayor in his inaugural address, are now engaged in drawing up their report after a visit to the properties. It is understood that they will advise that the houses be retained by the city.

MIRISSIS FREED ON WIRE RECEIVED FROM SECRETARY OF STATE

Greek Imprisoned For Selling Free Speech Granted Reprieve Last Night—Escapes Payment Of \$300 Fine.

George Mirissis, the Greek, who sold Free Speech in St. John, is a free man this morning. Acting on a telegram from Hon. Chas. Murphy, secretary of state, received about 9 o'clock last evening Sheriff Ritchie ordered that Mirissis be released and he was at once given his liberty.

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Make USEFUL and ATTRACTIVE Christmas Gifts for MEN, WOMEN, BOYS and GIRLS OLD and YOUNG.

Small size50c, 75c, \$1.00 Larger size\$1.25, \$1.50, \$1.75 Finest quality. . . \$2.00, \$3.00, \$4.00 and \$5.00 Each Brush in a Box.

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KODAKS FOR Christmas Gifts

We have the complete KODAK line. Prices from \$1.00 up. Tank Developers \$3.00, \$5.00, \$6.00

E. G. Nelson & Co., Cor. King and Charlotte Sts. Store closed at 6 p.m., excepting Saturday.

SENSIBLE CHRISTMAS PRESENTS

- For Both Young and Old SNOW SHOES MOCCASINS WATERPROOF BOOTS WARM FUR BOOTS WALKING BOOTS DRESS BOOTS WARM OVERSHOES OIL TANNED LARRIGANS RUBBER BOOTS BABY'S BOOTS HOCKEY BOOTS SKATING BOOTS WARM GAITERS WARM LEGGINGS

Waterbury & Rising King Street, Union Street.

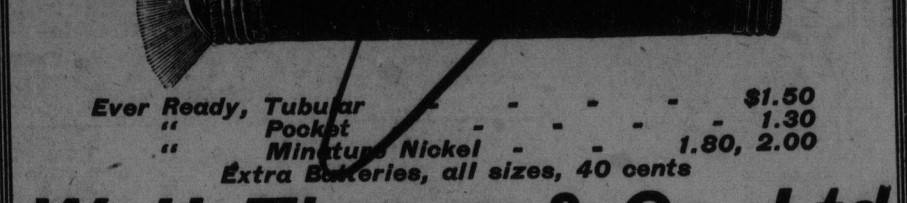
For Christmas

We have a stock of fine CONFECTONERY, PERFUMES in pretty packages, 25c to \$5.00 each. TOILET SHAPES in boxes, 25c to \$1.00 each. EBONY HAND MIRRORS, 75c to \$2.50 each. EBONY HAIR BRUSHES, to match mirrors.

E. CLINTON BROWN, DRUGGIST, Cor. Union and Waterloo Sts.

A Horse Fair in Nova Scotia. M. F. L. Fuller, of Truro, superintendent of agriculture societies for the Province of Nova Scotia, was among the visitors who attended the horse sale yesterday.

Electric Flash Lights



Ever Ready, Tubular \$1.50 " " Pocket " 1.30 " " Miniature Nickel 1.80, 2.00 Extra Batteries, all sizes, 40 cents

Holiday Apparel

A fine blue suit or a black sack suit correctly cut and skilfully tailored in true "1910" style—isn't that the sort of holiday apparel YOU need? \$16, \$18, \$20, and \$25 are the prices, and the value is exceptionally good.

GILMOUR'S, 68 KING STREET

UNNEEDA BISCUIT

Biscuit are more than mere soda crackers. They are a distinct individual food article, made from special materials, by special methods, in specially constructed bakeries.

Overcoats at Half Price

We have forty-one Children's, Boys' and Young Men's warm winter overcoats which we have been selling right along at from \$5.00 to \$13.50, but as the sizes are somewhat broken we have grouped them together as follows at about half the regular prices.

A Smoking Jacket

That's the Christmas Gift For HIM. DON'T PUZZLE for a minute about what he'd rather have. You can think if you like, but you won't hit on anything that will please him more than a Smoking Jacket.

Choose it carefully. Pick a good one, neatly designed, trim-fitting, well made—just like the finest ones we can show you. You won't find the equal of our Smoking Jacket stock at any other store in town.

Smoking Jackets. Reversible cloth, in navy, greens, navy, Cambridge and black, greys, dark cardinals, etc. All lined with pretty cord. Collars, cuffs and collar formed of reversible side cloth. Size 34 to 46. Prices from \$3.50 to \$15.00

Dressing Gowns. Made in heavy wool Vicunas, plaid and fancy; in browns, cardinals, greens, etc., trimmed with cord and girdle to match. Many are the well-known Jaeger garments. All made long and roomy, in sizes from 36 to 46. Prices from \$5.50 to \$20.00

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