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JOHNSON HELD WITHOUT BAIL

Light on Why the P. E. Island Woman Was Murdered.

DETAILS OF TRAGEDY

How That the Slayer of Mrs. Peters Planned His Desperate Deed Before Visiting Her, and That He Contemplated Suicide But Lacked the Nerve to Carry It Out.

St. John, N. B., Jan. 7.—Ray C. Johnson, 35 years old, was arraigned before Judge Macdonald in the municipal court yesterday...

ST. JOHN SAILORS BADLY FROZEN

Master and Crew of Schooner Ayr Have Close Call for Their Lives.

TERRIBLE EXPERIENCE

When Rescued the Unfortunate Men Had Been Without Food for Thirty-six Hours and Frozen to the Hull—Men Now in a Gloucester Hospital.

Boston, Jan. 7.—The Globe this morning gives the following additional particulars of the disaster to the schooner Ayr...

HOPE OF PEACE IN FAR EAST ABANDONED.

Russia's Latest Proposals Do Not Suit Japan.

Active Preparations on Both Sides Continue for the Conflict—British Blue-jackets Landed—United States Reported to Be Friendly Neutral to the Tokio Government—Russian Warships Reported Trying to Intercept Japanese Squadron.

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CHINA WRATHY OVER CANADA'S ACTION.

She Won't Allow Her Countrymen to Work in South Africa Until the Dominion Treats Her Emigrants Better.

Montreal, Jan. 7.—(Special)—A special London cable says: "Canada is again being put forward as an obstructionist in South Africa's way."

RUSSIA BUYS MANY HORSES.

Pekin, Jan. 7.—Nothing has developed here concerning the nature of the Russian reply to Japan...

JAPANESE CABINET MEETING.

Tokyo, Jan. 8.—The attitude of Japan toward the response of Russia is still undecided.

COLOMBIA ASKS FRANCE TO BLOCK CANAL DEAL.

Washington, Jan. 7.—Notice of an important step taken by an agent of the Colombian government in Paris was received today at the Colombian legation here...

CONSERVATIVES NAME FOWLER FOR KINGS AND ALBERT, AND GANONG FOR CHARLOTTE COUNTY.

No Opposition in Either Convention—Candidates Predict Opposition Success, and Mr. Ganong Expresses the Belief That They Will Carry Eight or Nine Seats in New Brunswick.

Geo. W. Fowler, M. P. for Kings county, was the unanimous choice of the Liberal-Conservative convention held in Hampton county house Thursday for the purpose of nominating a candidate for the federal house from the joint constituencies of Kings and Albert.

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WITNESSES TELL TERRIBLE RESULT OF CHICAGO HORROR.

People Were Standing Four Deep During the Performance. Two Killed and Many People Injured in Maine Town.

MANY EXITS BARRED.

Eddie Foy's Graphic Description of How Disaster Happened—Woman Survivor Sat Still Till Fur Coat Caught Fire—The Asbestos Curtain Was Not Fireproof.

DEBRIS HURLED BLOCKS.

Chicago, Jan. 7.—The first witness today before the coroner's jury investigating the Chicago horror, was John C. Cahill, a painting contractor...

MAN PASSING IN THE STREET BADLY HURT BY FLYING TIMBERS—TEAMS WERE BADLY FRIGHTENED BY THE NOISE AND MANY SERIOUS RUN-AWAYS OCCURRED.

Montague, Me., Jan. 7.—A gas explosion in the store of Henry Bros. today killed two people, caused the injury of five others, and at 6 o'clock tonight the fire men were working on the ruins...

MONTREAL LIQUOR DEALERS WILL AID ARCHBISHOP.

Bruchesi's Appeal to Enforce Laws Strikes a Responsive Chord.

FOUR KILLED, NOT FORTY-THREE, ON BRITISH CRUISER.

Sydney, N. S. W., Jan. 8.—The British cruiser Wallaroo has arrived here. It appears that the signals were misread and that only four were killed and three injured by the explosion of the ship's boiler.

EX-U. S. CONGRESSMAN GUILTY OF ACCEPTING BRIDE.

New York, Jan. 7.—After deliberating forty-five minutes today a jury found former Congressman Edmund S. Driggs guilty of accepting money to procure a contract between a private company and the government while serving as a member of congress. The jury recommended mercy.

FORMER TRURO MAN DYING IN LOS ANGELES.

Truro, N. S., Jan. 7.—(Special)—Dr. D. H. Muir, who has been confined to his home some months by illness, received a telegram this morning from Los Angeles (California), announcing the very serious illness of his brother, John Muir, manager of the electric railway service, and that there was no hope of his recovery.

MEAN HURT IN CHICAGO TROLLEY SMASHUP.

Chicago, Jan. 7.—A street car on the Center avenue electric line was struck this evening by a train on the Pennsylvania railroad at 9th street. The car was filled with people and few of them escaped injury, although none was fatally hurt. Eleven people were taken to their homes by the police ambulance and about as many more were slightly injured by flying glass shards before their names could be ascertained. Slippery rails are given as the cause of the accident.

BURGULARS VISIT CHATHAM STORES.

Roger Fianagan's Place Broken Into But Nothing Taken—McKenzie's Drug Store Entered and Two Bottles of Wine Taken.

Chatham, N. B., Jan. 7.—(Special)—Last night burglar broke into the cellar under Roger Fianagan's store, but evidently did not find what they wanted as nothing was taken.

J. D. B. Macdonald's drug store was also visited by unknown parties and two bottles of wine stolen.

Governor Taft Gets Big Sand Off in Japan.

Yokohama, Pa., Jan. 7.—Former Governor Taft, of the Philippine Islands, sailed today for the United States via Honolulu after his visit to the Japanese capital. He was escorted to the railroad station at Tokyo by the ministers of war and foreign affairs, U. S. Minister Grimes and many prominent civil and military officers.

SEVERE EARTHQUAKE SHOCKS IN MEXICO.

Chicago, Jan. 7.—A special to the Daily News from Guadalajara, Mexico, says:—Violent eruptions on Mount Colima volcano have alarmed the inhabitants of the adjacent country. Many of the people have left their homes and sought safety on the ashes and lava.

Three Italians Killed by Train.

Harrisburg, Pa., Jan. 7.—Three Italians employed as masons on the construction of a stone bridge for the Pennsylvania road near Millerstown were instantly killed by an express train today.

Not a Juror Yet in Chicago Murder Trial.

Chicago, Jan. 7.—The second day of the trial of the car barn bandits ended today without a juror having been accepted. Three men have proven satisfactory to the defense and may be accepted tomorrow by the state.

COMPARISON BETWEEN RUSSIAN AND JAPANESE WAR EQUIPMENT.

Japan's Strength Lies in Her Superior Navy and Dock Facilities, and in Her Proximity to the Scene of Probable Hostilities—Russia's Vast Army Her Main Reliance—Her Unsatifactory Financial Condition is Against Her.

The wrangling between Japan and Russia over Korea has at last come to a menacing close. The peace of the world is now between the two powers, and it is a world-wide question of intensely and gigantic strength whose outcome no one could forecast, and whose entanglements and sequences might make greatly for or against the peace of the world.

Plenty of Docks and Workshops. On the west coast of the Gulf of Tokio lies the arsenal of Yokohama well protected by forts and provided with docks and workshops. Here at the Korea is every accommodation for rebuilding and fitting out ships of all types, but it is pointed out by another authority that the dry docks erected at this point in 1887, and planned by Verney, the French engineer, have only a capacity for vessels up to 5,000 tons and therefore will hardly suffice for all the requirements of today.

Japan's Big Naval Programme. Lord Brassey states, in his Naval Annual for 1903, that Japan's programme for naval construction in 1904 is to complete the construction of four battleships and six cruisers, besides destroyers and torpedo boats. The annual expenditure involved is above \$10,000,000.

It is believed that in case of necessity the government would seize the privately owned docks at Nagasaki which are the largest and most efficient in Japan. The majority of these docks are equipped with the most modern American machinery, operated by electric power and lighted by electricity, so that by night or day repairs could be executed with great expedition.

Japan's Naval Strength Greater Than Russia. The total displacement of Japan's navy at present is \$29,533 tons; but, when full allowances are made for old or partially obsolete vessels, it is calculated that first-class fighting material she could not lose to the battle line more than 170,000 tons.

Russia Has Been Busy, Too. But Russia, too, has been developing her local strength of late years. Port Arthur and Dalny have become strong bases for the Russian navy in Asia, and Vladivostok is her strong fortress from which she had hoped to work her will upon Korea without serious interference from either Japan or England.

The London Spectator says: "For the conduct of an Asiatic power in a naval war there are few precedents. The idea which can be reckoned the force available for carrying on the earlier stages of a war amounts to nearly 3,100,000. But in case of national emergency this force could be called on to nearly 7,000,000 fighting men of the territorial reserve and the Opolchenis, or militia.

The Japanese army now consists of 273,000 officers and men. It is doubtful if, in case of war, this army could be raised very greatly above that figure. But how shall these fighting men and machines be supported? In other words, what are the financial resources and credit of the two nations?

The financial standing and economic condition of Japan are well known, and an admirable resume of them was given in the Transcript recently by Arthur May Knapp, editor of the Yokohama Daily Advertiser. It will, however, be interesting for purposes of comparison to publish this extract from the financial report of Japan for 1902-1903, as given in Whitaker's Almanac for 1904:

Revenue (budget).....\$26,831,007 Expenditure (budget).....26,700,000 Total debt (March).....53,200,000 Total imports.....27,730,232

Russia's financial exhibit, as given by the same authority for 1903, is: Revenue (roubles).....1,890,532,678 Expenditure (roubles).....2,071,607,472 Imports.....256,000,844 Total debt.....690,107,100

P. E. ISLAND WOMAN SLAIN BY LOVER

Mrs. Sadie Peters Shot Dead in Boston by Ray C. Johnson.

Victim Who Was Very Beautiful, Was Only 24 Years Old, and Had a Husband Living in Nova Scotia--Her Desire to Break With Her Slayer Caused Tragedy.

Boston, Jan. 6.—Disappointed because the woman with whom he was in love had decided not to encourage his attentions any further, Ray C. Johnson, of Burlington (Vt.), a well dressed, fine appearing young man, aged twenty-one, was arrested by the police shortly after midnight, a self-confessed murderer.

Russian Finances in Bad Condition. Not so with Russia. She seems it sufficient to give only the broadest outlines of her financial condition.

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CONSERVATIVES NAME FOWLER FOR KINGS-ALBERT.

The great question during the past session was the Grand Trunk Pacific Bill. It would also be the main issue in the approaching general elections.

Respecting Hon. Mr. Blair's action relative to the bill, it was now a matter between the honorable gentleman and his conscience. Concluding, Mr. Fowler said in part: "I believe I will be your representative. This will not be because of any personal virtue which I may have but because I have behind me the mass of intelligent electors within the confines of the Conservative party in Kings and Albert."

Mr. Sproul heard. Fred M. Sproul, in the course of a twenty minute talk, enlarged the work for Mr. Fowler, and the speaker, Mr. P. Mr. Sproul moved the following resolution, which was seconded by Thos. Fraser, and carried: "That the Liberal-Conservative of Kings and Albert counties in convention assembled hereby express our hearty confidence in our honored leader, R. L. Johnson, and further, that we support the action of Geo. W. Fowler, the present representative of Kings county, and approve the action of the people whom he has represented."

An Albert County Speaker. C. A. Peck, K. C. of Albert county, expressed his satisfaction at seeing so large and unanimous a convention. He could not say much that might tend to supplement Mr. Sproul's remarks.

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FERRY TRAVEL WAS GREAT LAST YEAR.

Passenger Fares More Than a Million and a Half.

INCREASING RAPIDLY. West Side Turnstile Alone Showed 67,653 More Fares Than in the Year 1902—Decrease in Only One Month—Means 10 Per Cent. More Work for Collectors.

The year 1903 just closed has seen another great increase of travel on the ferry. The west side turnstile shows a total of 787,706 as against 720,053 for 1902, an increase of 67,653. In two years there has been an increase of 127,457.

As the east side turnstile, for various reasons, always registers more passengers than the west side, it may safely be assumed that the total ferry travel has reached fully 1,380,000 for the year, a total increase of about 140,000 for the past year. The monthly record of passenger travel is as follows:

Table with 2 columns: Month and Passenger Count. Data for Jan 1902 to Dec 1903.

Dr. Shoop's Rheumatic Cure DOES NOTHING IF IT FAILS. Any honest person who suffers from Rheumatism is welcome to try this cure.

MANITOBA GOVERNMENT FAVORS CHAMBERLAIN. Winnipeg, Jan. 7.—(Special)—Lieut. Governor Sir Daniel Cameron formally opened the first session of the Manitoba legislature promptly at 2 o'clock this afternoon.

FREE! Ladies and Girls, You Can Have This Handsome Fur Scarf In 10 Minutes.

SENDS you a scarf and will mail you postpaid a large beautiful fur scarf. The scarf is made of the finest quality fur.

Handsomeness for Scarf. Over 40 inches long, 6 inches wide, made from selected full-fur seal skin with fine full black silk, the very latest style.

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COUNTRY CORRESPONDENCE.

FREDERICTON.

Fred. N. B., Jan. 5.—(Special)—All the members of the local government are in the city with the exception of Hon. Mr. Streever, who is expected tomorrow morning. A short session was held this evening...

The Gibson cotton mill, shut down three days for lack of raw cotton, resumed operations this morning. A supply of the necessary article having arrived last night.

The death occurred at Prince William yesterday of Mrs. Margaret Williams, who had lived for more than twenty years with her son, Luke, at that place.

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WOODSTOCK.

Woodstock, N. B., Jan. 5.—(Special)—The mayor of St. Andrews, W. S. G. Edgewood, has forwarded to the council a resolution, passed by the St. Andrews town council, and asked to have the same brought before the council.

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SUSSEX.

Sussex, N. B., Jan. 5.—Murray Huestis, who had been acting as a temporary mayor of Sussex, has been elected to the position.

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ANAPOLIS.

Annapolis Royal, Jan. 4.—One of the severest storms of the season set in here on Saturday evening and continued all day Sunday with the thermometer below zero.

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CLIFTON.

Clifton, Jan. 4.—The New Year was ushered in very pleasantly here. During the afternoon there was some racing on the river and in the evening a ball was held in Clifton hall.

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WASHADEMOAK.

Washademoak, Jan. 6.—Charles Roberts has bought the farm of Mr. J. H. Somerville at Washademoak and expects to move in some time in May.

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SALISBURY.

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DIGBY.

Digby, Jan. 5.—(Special)—Word was received here this morning that the schooner 'The S. P. Hiccock' was ashore at Clifton Cove. The crew were saved, but the vessel is a total loss.

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A VENERABLE PASTOR CURED BY PE-RU-NA.

Pe-ru-na is a Catarrhal Tonic. Especially Adapted to the Declining Powers of Old Age.

In old age the mucous membranes become thickened and partly lose their function. This leads to partial loss of hearing, smell and taste, as well as digestive disturbances.

Pe-ru-na corrects all this by its specific operation on all the mucous membranes of the body. One bottle will convince anyone. Once used and Pe-ru-na becomes a life-long stand-by with old and young.



Rev. C. M. Parker.

Strong and Vigorous in the Age of Eighty-eight. I have had a long life, and I am still strong and vigorous. I have been cured of many ailments by Pe-ru-na.



Address Dr. Hartman, President of the Hartman Sanitarium, Columbus, Ohio.

Smith, Park street, have gone to Sackville to resume their duties. Mrs. M. A. Currie, of Wolfville, has returned from a visit to Cape Breton.

GUYSBORO. Mrs. F. C. Cummings, who has been visiting her son, Eugene, in Glouce, Bay St. Lawrence, has returned home.

TRURO. Mrs. Helen H. Phillips, of Shelburne, has returned from a visit to her home in Truro.

Get My Book if Sick. Don't Send a Penny. Dr. Shoop's Restorative. A Month on Trial.

PAGE WIRE FENCE. Indestructible, Handmade, Patent. Only 20 cents per running foot. THE PAGE WIRE FENCE CO. Limited. Walkerville, Montreal, Winnipeg, St. John.

AMHERST. Amherst, N. S., Jan. 5.—This section has been visited during the past four days by the severest cold snap in the memory of the oldest inhabitant, the actual registering of the thermometer being some Saturday morning from zero to twenty-two below. Many cases of slight freezing have

Dr. Shoop's Restorative. A Month on Trial. I was absolutely cured of all my ailments by Dr. Shoop's Restorative. It has done for me what no other medicine could do.





KATE GLAXTON'S VIVID STORY OF BROOKLYN THEATRE FIRE.

The terrible theatrical tragedy in Chicago recalls some of the other great fires in the history of the United States during the past century, and on looking them over, when the number of theatres in the entire country is considered, the record is a comparatively small one—less than ten.

I said 'You may beat me if you please, but you shall find that my will is stronger than your violence and my will to live.' 'There are, in fact, but two of these fires in the last century in this country that stand out with any prominence—the fire in the Richmond theatre in Richmond (Va.) December 26, 1811, and the fire in the Brooklyn Theatre, Brooklyn, December 5, 1876.

KING EDWARD'S ATTITUDE ON THE DRINK QUESTION.

His Majesty Says His Health Can Be Drunk With Water as Well as Wine.

His Majesty has already risen to the feet and were already struggling to make their way into the aisles. Those sitting near us attempted to clamber upon the seats, although it was very evident that to escape in that way they must pass through the fire.

WIND SHILLI RECORDS ARE NOT ALLOWED.

National Trotting Association Throws Out Lou Dillon's High Sulky Mark—Other Similar Performances Will Be Treated Same Way.

New York, Jan. 7.—A joint committee of the National Trotting Association decided today to disallow Lou Dillon's record of 2:05 to a high wheeled ball-bearing sulky made at Cleveland Sept. 12 last. This decision was reached after a two hours discussion by the committee which was composed of the presidents of the National Trotting Association, the American Trotting Association and the American Trotting and Driving Association. Their findings follow:—

800,000 TONS YEARLY PREDICTED SOON FOR PICTOU COAL FIELDS.

New Glasgow, Jan. 4.—On New Year's day, at noon, an event took place which marks the beginning of a new era in the Pictou coal fields.

Donald, M. P. P., and C. E. Tanner, M. P. P. There were also present Commissioner of Mines Arthur Drysdale, H. M. Wylie, secretary of the Nova Scotia Mining Society; D. C. Fraser, M. P.; George Patterson, M. P.; Charles Fergie, manager of Drummond Colliery, and many others.

Advertisement for 'Cresolene' Antiseptic Tablets, featuring an illustration of a person and text describing its benefits for various ailments.

Advertisement for 'Cresolene' Antiseptic Tablets, highlighting its use for coughs and throat irritation.

Advertisement for 'Cresolene' Antiseptic Tablets, detailing its effectiveness for various diseases.

Advertisement for 'Cresolene' Antiseptic Tablets, emphasizing its role in public health.

Advertisement for 'Cresolene' Antiseptic Tablets, providing information on where to purchase it.

ENOCH ARDEN HAPPY AGAIN.

His wife had two other husbands. He was so happy when he was married to her first husband that he had no time to think about it.

John's Mind Unhinged.

Ottawa, Jan. 6.—(Special.) The coroner's inquest on John Work, of Wexford (N. B.), rendered a verdict here to the effect that the deceased came to his death by cutting his throat with a pocket knife.

RHODES SCHEME APPROVED.

London, Jan. 6.—Dr. Parkin, who recently returned to England after touring Australia in connection with the Rhodes scheme, speaking to the correspondent of the Canadian Press Association last night said that New Zealand and Australia were enthusiastic in their support of the scheme.

But Australia Fears Graduates Will Not Return, Says Dr. Parkin.

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Divorce and Remarriage.

As to the question of remarriage after divorce there are varying views. The Roman church is of the opinion that a divorced man may not marry again.

Irish Emigration Larger Than in 1902.

The tide of Irish emigration has been flowing during the past year in larger volume than it showed in 1902. It was expected that the high hopes raised by the new land act would tend to check the popular exodus, but the returns of the British Board of Trade, which are issued monthly, show that the outflow continues unabated.

Advertisement for 'Kendall's' and 'Spavin Cure', featuring an illustration of a horse and text describing the medicine's effectiveness.

Advertisement for 'Kendall's' and 'Spavin Cure', highlighting its use for various ailments.

Advertisement for 'Kendall's' and 'Spavin Cure', providing information on where to purchase it.

Advertisement for 'DR. WOOD'S NORWAY PINE SYRUP', featuring an illustration of a pine tree and text describing its benefits for coughs and colds.

Advertisement for 'DR. WOOD'S NORWAY PINE SYRUP', highlighting its use for various ailments.

Advertisement for 'DR. WOOD'S NORWAY PINE SYRUP', providing information on where to purchase it.

Advertisement for 'The Baird Company's Wine of War Honey and Wild Cherry', featuring an illustration of a bottle and text describing its benefits.

Advertisement for 'The Baird Company's Wine of War Honey and Wild Cherry', highlighting its use for various ailments.

Advertisement for 'The Baird Company's Wine of War Honey and Wild Cherry', providing information on where to purchase it.

Advertisement for 'THREE KILLED IN BROOKLYN COLLISION', featuring an illustration of a train and text describing the accident.

Advertisement for 'THREE KILLED IN BROOKLYN COLLISION', highlighting the details of the tragedy.

Advertisement for 'THREE KILLED IN BROOKLYN COLLISION', providing information on the investigation.

NTED.

Everywhere... The large warm kitchen was very cosy, and Widow Gates' boxon figure, added greatly to its homelike and comfortable appearance.

Choice Teas... English Breakfast Tea, in 10 and 16 lb. boxes. Very fine for family use.

JAMES COLLINS, Grand 210 Union Street, St. John, N. B.

BIRTH... MARRIAGES... DEATHS... 'THIS SCHOOL HAS BEEN THE MAKING OF ME'...

Frederic Business College... W J OSBORNE, Frederic, N. S.

INTERCOLONIAL RAILWAY... TRAINS LEAVE ST. JOHN... TRAINS ARRIVE AT ST. JOHN...

SHIP NEWS.

PORT OF ST. JOHN. Arrived. Tuesday, Jan. 5. St. Lake Champlain, St. John, Liverpool, and pass, C. P. R.

Canadian Ports. Halifax, Jan 6-Ard, star Laurentian, Liverpool, and pass, C. P. R.

British Ports. Glasgow, Jan 5-Ard, star Kestrel, St. John, Liverpool, and pass, C. P. R.

Foreign Ports. Boothbay Harbor, Jan 5-Ard, star Geo F. Moore, St. John, Liverpool, and pass, C. P. R.

LIST OF VESSELS BOUND TO ST. JOHN. Alford, 218, Glasgow, Dec 27. Alford, 170, Liverpool, via Halifax.

Shipping Notes. The Baltic steamer Modina has been chartered to load coal on Cardiff for the West Indies.

Bridge Contracts. Hon. C. H. LaBillette Arranges Work on Ten Provincial Structures.

Witnesses Tell of Chicago Horror. Arrived a number of people were trying to escape. He tried to run by a man, telling him to take him out, and then ran back to the stage and out to the footlights.

Devonshire Entertains King Edward and Party. London, Jan. 7.-At Chatsworth, the seat of the Duke of Devonshire, in Derbyshire tonight, a brilliant entertainment was given before King Edward and Queen Alexandra, the Duke and Duchess of Devonshire, Consuelo, Duchess of Manchester, who sat at the king's left; Premier Balfour and a large party.

Our New Term Begins Monday, January 4th. The year now closing has been our Record Year. For this we thank our patrons, and will strive earnestly to deserve that 1904 will be still more successful.

S. Kerr & Son, Oddfellows' Hall, St. John, N. B.

CASTORIA

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Hon. C. H. LaBillette Arranges Work on Ten Provincial Structures. Hon. C. H. LaBillette, chief commissioner of public works announced that the following contracts were awarded Wednesday in his department:-

Leslie Brook bridge, Victoria county, awarded to Wm. DeMerchant, Perth. Baker Lake bridge, Victoria county, awarded to W. J. McKean, Elgin, Albert county. O'Regan Brook bridge, Victoria county, awarded to Wm. DeMerchant, Perth.

Yankees Would Be Friendly Neutral. London, Jan. 8.-The Daily Mail's Tokio correspondent says: "Governor Taft had a special conference with the Marquis Ito this afternoon at the United States Consulate in Yokohama."

Abbestos Curtain Not Fire-proof. The next witness called was the face of Mr. Stetson of Hingham (Mass.), secretary of the O. E. Trainer Manufacturing Company, who made the asbestos curtain. He said that there were two kinds of asbestos curtains, one in which a fine brass wire was interwoven, the other being without the wire.

SHARP'S BALSAM OF PURELY NATURAL INGREDIENTS FOR COUGHS, COLDS, AND WHOOPING COUGHS.

The Choice of Widow Gates.

By Frances La Peace.

Tom forestalled the advice by stretching out his huge paw, meeting the boy's head of Mr. Simpkins' half-way, and leaving his trade mark upon it, in the form of a deep scratch. The woeer of a child, however, in an unhabitual manner. 'Ah, if you only knew how deeply I love you, sweet, kind friend; dear friend, you would not spare my humble offer of marriage. My mother, less than five years ago for your log and board; that's what that-for mercy's sake!' 'Oh-my, what's finished in a frightened squeak, for a sudden and nerve-racking fit of angry nerves from outside, broke upon the calmness of the night. The widow rose from her chair, and uttered the one word in husky tones, 'Bargain!'

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THE BOARD OF TRADE ENDORSES THE ACTION OF CITY COUNCIL.

And Will Send Citizens' Telegram to the Government Urging That an Immediate Answer Be Given to the Request for Dredging—The Partridge Island Whistle—Telephone Question to Be Discussed at Next Meeting.

The board of trade Tuesday decided to send a citizens' telegram to the government at Ottawa, urging that an immediate and favorable answer be given to the request of the city council for the dredging at Sand Point. Several other matters were also considered.

COLONEL TUCKER OFF TO OTTAWA TO PRESS THE DREDGING MATTER.

Will Urge Justice of City's Request to the Government.

Col. Tucker, M. P., left Thursday for Ottawa where he will remain until next Monday or Tuesday. Col. Tucker's mission is to present to the government the case of the St. John harbor and the dredging of the water side.

ASKS GRANT FOR EXHIBITION HERE.

Delegation Before Local Government Asks Early Answer.

ASYLUM MATTERS. Commissioners Found All in Good Order on Inspection Visit Yesterday Afternoon—Improvements in Interior Arrangements of the Institution.

A delegation from the St. John Exhibition Association went before the local government Tuesday afternoon to ask for a grant for the exhibition it is proposed to hold here next fall.

OBITUARY.

Miss F. E. Pugsley.

The death occurred in Halifax on Monday night, of Miss Frances E. Pugsley, postmaster at River Street. She was fifty-five years of age and was a prominent member of the I. O. E. and Royal Arcanum.

Barlow Palmer.

Barlow Palmer, one of the best known citizens of Dorchester, died Tuesday morning. Mr. Palmer was fifty-five years of age and was a prominent member of the I. O. E. and Royal Arcanum.

Mrs. Maria Watson.

The death took place on Jan. 3, at her husband's residence, Hampden, of Mrs. Maria Watson, wife of Samuel Watson. The body was brought to the city, and the funeral took place at 2:30 o'clock yesterday afternoon from the residence of her son, Rev. G. R. E. MacDonald officiating, and burial was in the Church of England burying ground.

John Henderson.

The sudden death of John Henderson occurred Sunday at his home in Chatham. He had been suffering for some time with a lung complaint, and was employed by the town as a pipe fitter. He was forty-eight years old and unmarried.

Mrs. A. McDonald.

The death occurred at Lewisville, near Moncton, Wednesday morning of Mrs. A. McDonald, wife of Alexander McDonald, of the I. C. R. Deceased had been ill for some time with consumption and for the past three or four weeks she was unable to leave her bed. She leaves one child.

Valentine Babbitt.

The death occurred at Boston Wednesday of Valentine Babbitt, the fourth son of Deputy Receiver General George N. Babbitt, of Fredericton (N. B.). He had been operated upon for abscess of the brain.

Captain Currier.

The death occurred at Oromocto on Tuesday of Capt. John W. Currier, a well known and highly respected citizen of this place. He had been in the enjoyment of perfect health, but suddenly and recently had an attack of hemorrhage of the lungs, which was the cause of his demise.

Wm. Fowler, Central Hampton.

William Fowler, King county, Jan. 4—William Fowler peacefully passed away at his residence at Central Hampton, Sunday, in the ninety-second year of his age. He was the son of Monmouth Fowler, a Loyalist, who settled in this country. William Fowler was twice married. His first wife was Miss Rachel Turnbull, of Digby, who died at the age of twenty-six years, leaving two young children—Henry J., the present registrar of deeds for Kings and Almiria, afterwards Mrs. James Humphrey; and Elizabeth, the daughter of Mrs. Anna Fowler, who married William D. Fowler, of Hampton Station; the wife of Mr. Hamilton Village; Mrs. George Smith, of Hampton Station; Mrs. John W. Fowler, of the farm at Central Hampton; and Minnie A. also at home. Mr. Fowler's declining years were blessed with the care and attention of his children, and at a ripe age he has passed to his reward. His funeral will be held Wednesday.

Mrs. John Forbes.

The death occurred at Moncton Tuesday, of Mrs. John Forbes, after a tedious illness. The deceased lady was sixty-nine years of age, and leaves to mourn their loss a husband, two sons, Seymour, of Moncton; James, of Fredericton; a brother and four sisters. She was a sister of Wm. O'Neill, the well known sea merchant. Surviving sisters are Mrs. A. McNeill, Mrs. John Colpitts, Harrville; Mrs. John Stevens, Dover, and Mrs. Frank Bulmer, Woodstock.

James Clancy.

Thursday there died at his residence, 59 St. Patrick street, after a lingering illness, James Clancy, son of the late Patrick Clancy, for the 26th year of his age. His funeral will be held on Saturday afternoon at 2:30 o'clock.

Walter D. Donovan.

Walter D. Donovan, aged 25 years, died recently at Lunenburg (N.S.). He was the son of Daniel Donovan, a former resident of this city, and a nephew of John Donovan, City Road.

THREE NEW LINES OF RAILWAY TO TAP SIXTY MILLION OF COAL IN COUNTY.

Company Backed by American Capital Have Over 80 Miles of Land—Ask Government for Charter—Meduxneke Dam—Fredericton Tangle With York Municipality.

The local government, in session at Fredericton Wednesday, were asked for a railway charter which, the promoters point out, means a great coal business in the county, and which at the outset, they say, means the shipment of 500 tons of coal a day.

Meduxneke Dam.

F. B. Carvell, of Woodstock, appeared before the government asking for the approval of the government in council of a plan for the building of a dam across the Meduxneke river, for which a company was incorporated some time ago by the legislature.

Mrs. Sarah E. Fisher.

Mrs. Sarah E. Fisher, who has been residing with her son Charles at Margyville for some time, died Thursday morning after a lingering illness from general debility. She had reached the age of eighty-two years.

Thomas Rice.

The death occurred at his home in New Maryland Thursday morning of Thomas Rice. He was seventy-eight years of age, and was survived by one son, William Rice, and two daughters, Mrs. Oliver Gray of Riverport, and Mrs. James P. Gillmore, of Milford (Mass.).

Mrs. A. McKilligan.

The death occurred at Stanley Wednesday afternoon of Mrs. A. McKilligan, aged seventy-five years, who had been sick from internal cancer since last August. The late Mrs. McKilligan was a native of Inverness, Scotland, and was twice married.

Founders Less Their Strike.

Phyladelphia, Jan. 7.—S. M. Wetherly, treasurer of the Kentucky Type Foundry, of this city, announced tonight that the strike inaugurated about October 1 by the union type foundries, throughout the United States, has been declared off by the officers of the union and that the men have been instructed to return to work at the best terms they can get.

PERSONAL INTELLIGENCE.

Rev. J. E. Miller, of P. E. Island, has accepted the call to the Episcopal church of Wolfville and will enter upon his charge in the spring.

LUMBER SHIPMENTS LESS.

A Falling Off in Quantity Sent Out From New Brunswick Last Year.

During 1903 the lumber shipments from St. John were not so large as in previous years. Last year the shipments were 173,300,000 sup. feet as compared with 189,880,782 sup. feet in 1902. The total value of the shipments was \$5,972,137 feet in 1903 and 107,293,320 feet in 1902.

NOVA SCOTIA'S BEST YEAR.

All Industries Prosperous in 1903.

Halifax, Jan. 2.—The year just closed was most prosperous in Nova Scotia's history. Reports published today indicate that the province had a story of great activity and progress in every industry.

ST. JOHN MAN MARRIES PRETTY LOS ANGELES GIRL.

WEDDED IN THE WEST.

The Los Angeles (Cal.) Herald, of December 10, has an interesting report of the wedding of Walter A. MacPherson, who was formerly of this city, being in the employ of Manchester Robertson Allison, of the Los Angeles district during the bride and groom's stay in California. The wedding took place on the following account of the wedding.

ST. JOHN TRADE WITH THE UNITED STATES.

Mr. J. E. Myers, United States consul, has supplied a comparative statement of the value of goods shipped through St. John from the United States during the past two years to the United States.

The steam-ship line, Cape-Croisades has been extensively used for all forms of throat and bronchial trouble. All Druggists.

Accident at St. Stephen. Wednesday morning a serious accident befell a young waitress in the Windsor Hall at St. Stephen, just before the Fredericton delegates to the provincial hockey league were leaving for home. The young woman fell her stone on the upper floor, and fell four stories, striking a lamp on her way and just before reaching the ground floor, came in contact with a man, which broke her fall to some extent. She was badly injured, and it is thought her back was broken, but she could not be positively ascertained.