

ONTARIO AND QUEBEC

OTTAWA, Dec. 27.—The Washington negotiations are to be discussed at a full meeting of the council tomorrow.

MONTREAL, Dec. 27.—It was announced today that a syndicate of American capitalists made a proposition to the Richelieu and Ontario Steamship Co. for re-organization with greatly increased capital, which will probably be accepted.

Toronto, Dec. 27.—In North Hastings, Allen, conservative, has a majority of five hundred and eighty.

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WINTER PORT MATTERS.

More Steamship Accommodation Acquired at Sand Point.

The Manchester City Will Carry Away the Biggest Cargo That Ever Left St. John.

The winter port business has come to St. John to stay no sane man will dispute.

The Dominion steamer Vancouver got rid of all the fruit she had on board yesterday and the portion for shipment west was forwarded at once.

The Royal mail steamer Vancouver, Capt. Jones, from Liverpool via Halifax, brought a number of passengers.

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SUDDEN DEATH

Of Augustus W. Peters, Formerly of St. John.

And Chairman of the Borough of Manhattan—Particulars of His Unexpected Taking Off.

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SPORTING MATTERS.

How Merritt Fared at Verona Lake.

The New York Sun, in its account of the races at Montclair, says:

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SHARP'S BALSAM OF HOREHOUND AND ANISEED FOR COUGHS AND COLDS. 50 YEARS IN USE. PRICE 25 CENTS A BOTTLE. ARMSTRONG & CO. ST. JOHN N.B.

Hornbeck of Montclair has accepted the challenge from W. H. Merritt of St. John, N. B., to skate one mile. Hornbeck is to have fifty yards handicap.

ON GALLOW'S TREE. Execution of Benjamin R. Willis for Murder.

The Youngest Prisoner Ever Hanged in Connecticut—Story of the Crime.

HARTFORD, Conn., Dec. 30.—Benjamin R. Willis, aged 23, was hanged at the state prison, Westfield, at 12.20 this morning for the murder of David S. R. Lambert of Wilton, his former teacher, Dec. 17, 1897. Willis was the youngest person ever hanged in the prison. He was the seventh person hanged by the so-called automatic gallows, and as on all previous occasions, the gallows operated perfectly.

RICHIBUCTO. Recent Deaths—An Esteemed Presbyterian Pastor Remembered.

RICHIBUCTO, N. B., Dec. 29.—William, eldest son of Peter Barnett, died today after a lingering illness, aged 25 years.

HEADQUARTERS FOR GUNS AND SPORTING GOODS. W. H. THORNE & CO. Limited, MARKET SQUARE. Advertisement for various firearms and sporting equipment.

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BETTER DAYS FOR NEWFOUNDLAND.

In appointing Captain Barry of the Naval Intelligence Department to the command of the British squadron in Newfoundland waters it is believed that the home government has turned over a new leaf. As was recently explained in this paper the French Shore question has assumed its present form as much through the influence of the British naval officers on the station as through the aggressions of the French.

The French give the French only the right to dry and cure fish on the shore. But the French fishermen often claimed the exclusive use of the shore in particular points, and the British commander supported the claim. The French went on to claim the right to fish and to establish canning factories.

These proceedings were perfectly lawful. The British commander issued orders for damages by the factory owner and would have had to pay if the case had gone to the end. But the British government has always until lately been more anxious to conciliate France than to justify her Majesty's subjects in Newfoundland.

A BENEVOLENT PEPPER. Baron Iveagh who has given the Jenner Institute £20,000 to assist research into bacteriology with the view of preventing and curing the case, has a more expansive scheme of benevolence in view.

celebration Mr. Dunster, representing the railway company, explained that the officers of the line had felt that they had not enjoyed a fair share of the over-ga traffic, and were doing all they could to encourage the new enterprise.

freight of British ships. But when these sources of income remain constant and the balance to be met increases the situation causes anxiety. There may be economists who think that Great Britain does not need to sell anything but can live wholly by buying.

A CAUSE OF ANXIETY. Hon. C. T. Ritchie, president of the board of trade and a member of Lord Salisbury's government, ought from his position to be able to speak with some authority on British trade questions.

THE NEWEST STEAMSHIP LINE. While the opening of the steamship service between Milford Haven and Paspébiac has caused only a mild sensation in Canada, it has been treated on the other side as a matter of the greatest importance.

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