

LUNDENING

Colonial Railway and Grand Trunk.

An Killed and Much Property Lost - Traffic on Victoria Bridge, Montreal, Blocked for Hours.

MONTREAL, Dec. 31.-A collision occurred on Victoria bridge this morning between two freight trains, resulting in the death of Conductor Trembley of the first train and the destruction of three cars. A Grand Trunk freight train was approaching Montreal when it was brought to a stop by the block signal against it. Following it was an Intercolonial freight. The engineer of this train was unable to bring his heavy train to a stop, and it crashed into the rear of the Grand Trunk train. Conductor Trembley was on the front platform of the caboose and was instantly crushed to death, his head being severed from the body. The wreck took fire, and great difficulty was experienced in extinguishing the flames. Two cars were burned and the ties of the bridge damaged. Traffic over the bridge was closed for three hours, both tracks being blocked. Trembley was a married man and leaves a family of small children. Officials place the blame on the shoulders of Engineer Bird of the Intercolonial freight train, who had no business where he was, having overrun the block signal with which the bridge was equipped.

MONTREAL, Dec. 31.-The cause of the accident on Victoria bridge today, in which Conductor Trembley of the Grand Trunk freight lost his life, was the failure of Engineer Bird of the Intercolonial freight, which followed the Grand Trunk train, to observe the block system in operation on the bridge.

Bird ignored the signal and followed the train ahead too closely and could not bring his heavy train to a stop in time to prevent a collision. The bridge was again opened for traffic this evening.

SOUTHAMPTON, N. S.

Second Arrival of Twins in One Family - The Weight of the Boys at Birth.

SOUTHAMPTON, N. S., Dec. 30.-Christmas day passed off most pleasantly. Mr. Heather has purchased a mill from the Oxford Poultry and Machine Co. and is having it placed over the river. When in full operation the mill will employ 30 men. Mr. and Mrs. Filton Heather are Mrs. Heather is a native of Winnipeg and Mr. Heather for several years attended college there. The young couple came to Nova Scotia last autumn to visit relatives and the husband engaged in lumber business with other members of his family on their property here. Mrs. Heather will leave for Winnipeg next week. Among late arrivals are twin boys to the home of Ralph Harrison. This is the second pair Mr. and Mrs. Harrison have been blessed with. The boys weighed at birth 8-1/2 and 9-1/2 pounds. Mr. and Mrs. Carson Atkinson held a reunion of the latter's family on Christmas. The Harrison family were all present except Mr. and Mrs. Chas. Harrison, whom illness prevented from coming. Mr. and Mrs. Russell Dickinson and their quartette of little girls spent Christmas in Westbrook with Mrs. D's parents. Leaman Hatfield, a clerk with W. H. Thorne & Co. of St. John, passed through here on Christmas eve on route home to Port Greville.

OTTAWA.

Lord Minto's Last New Year's Leave - Australia to Bradford Fleming.

OTTAWA, Dec. 31. The customs revenue for December shows an increase of \$28,000. Large quantities of pulp wood will be taken out in Upper Canada this season. The E. B. Eddy Co. expects to take out in its camps and purchase from jobbers a total of 20,000 cords.

SKATES

MIC-MAC. Skates made by the Starr Mfg. Co. always give satisfaction. See that this name is stamped on every pair and take no substitute.

The Mic-Mac Skate, as shown, is a very popular pattern of double end skate, solid top plates and puck stop, beautifully nickel plated. Also in stock.

ACME, LADIES' BEAVER, REGAL, SKELETON, HOCKEY, CHEBUCTO. All skates are on our sporting flat, second floor. Take the elevator.

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Part of this will be secured in the Gathenau district and part in the Temiskaming and other parts of New Ontario. The Laurentide Pulp Co. expects to take out an equally large amount in the Grand Mere district. The Belgo Canadian Pulp Co. is figuring on securing at least 20,000 cords of pulp wood during the present season. Reports from different sources show that at least 25,000 cords more will be taken out by jobbers for export to the States. The total output promises to be considerable in excess of that of last year.

COAL SITUATION.

Looks Bad for Cheap Fuel This Winter. Collieries Cannot Start Up as the Men Will Not Report for Work - Lack of Coal Carrying Vessels.

SCRANTON, Pa., Jan. 1.-An effort was made today by the coal operators to work their collieries today, but it met with little success. At each colliery the foreman went around yesterday and gave notice to all the hands that the company was very desirous of working, that the relieving of the coal famine might be retarded. Some men refused to work any more, but it was only in a few instances that enough reported to make a start. The Delaware and Western Company got four of its nineteen collieries started, but at noon they had to shut down the hands refusing to continue. The Delaware and Hudson got two of its twenty-two places started, but they worked only a few hours. The Erie started two places, and one of them ran all day. None of the collieries of the Ontario and Western or of the Temple Iron Company collieries even made a start. It is feared that tomorrow will see a repetition of the experience of the day following Christmas, when only about half the men reported for work.

PROVINCIAL FINANCES.

Auditor General's Report Up to October 31st. Will Be Issued in the Royal Gazette of This Week.

FREDERICTON, Dec. 31.-The Royal Gazette tomorrow will contain the following statement by the auditor general of the provincial finances for the year ending October 31st:

Table with columns for Receipts and Expenditure, listing various government departments and their financial figures for the year ending October 31st.

The faculty and students of McGill Medical College showed their respect for the dead by following the body to the funeral home of the deceased, a friend of the deceased, who was with him till the last, accompanied the remains to Aroostook Junction. The funeral took place there on Wednesday and was one of the largest ever seen in this part of the country, many friends coming from Woodstock, Port Fairfield and Presque Isle. Deceased was a member of Benjamin Lodge, A. F. and A. M., and was buried by his brother Masons with their impressive and beautiful burial ceremony. Rev. Mr. Demings conducted the service at the house. There were many beautiful floral offerings from friends of the medical profession in Montreal, and also from friends in other places.

WEDDED YESTERDAY.

A quiet marriage took place Wednesday morning at 7 o'clock at the home of the officiating clergyman, Rev. W. K. Thompson, 338 Main street, St. John, N. B., when James Allison Maxwell and Miss Barbara Hayes Upton were united in marriage. Mr. Maxwell is a prosperous and well-to-do farmer of St. John County, while the bride has been a successful school teacher in her native county. She also taught in the district in which the newly married couple will make their future home. They left on the Sussex express for Danville, near which place they will reside. Friends of Mr. and Mrs. Maxwell will wish them a Happy New Year and a happy and useful life together.

RUSSIAN NAVAL PLANS.

ST. PETERSBURG, Dec. 29.-It is stated that the Russian navy is preparing her torpedo boats, two torpedo cruisers and two torpedo transports. The additional vessels will carry 1,800 men.

GUTHRIE, Oke., Jan. 1.-John M. Barton, ex-speaker of the territorial legislature and one of the best known politicians in Oklahoma, died today.

Surveys and railway inspection... \$5,000.00
Stampage collection... 5,000.00
Succession duties... 1,000.00
Tourists Association... 2,000.00
Unforeseen expenditure... 100.00
Total... \$13,000.00
Balance... \$1,102,429.00

DIED SLEEPING.

Painful End of Rev. George W. McDonald.

Leader of Reformed Baptists in New Brunswick Died Wednesday Morning After a Brief Illness. After a brief illness, from which he was expected to recover, Rev. G. W. McDonald, leader of the Reformed Baptist church in New Brunswick, died Wednesday morning at 8 o'clock at his home, the King's Highway, died peacefully on Wednesday at 80 King square, where his daughter Gertrude resides. He was 77 years of age. For the past two or three months McDonald had been afflicted with heart trouble, which a short time ago necessitated his retirement from the pastorate of the Reformed Baptist church at Hartland, N. B. Nothing dangerous, however, was feared, and it was hoped that this morning rest would recover his health. With this idea he recently went to his old home at Grand Manan. He returned from there to St. John on Christmas day. The trip seemed to have had a bad effect upon him, and since then his condition has become more serious. Up to Tuesday, however, good hope was entertained, but Tuesday night his symptoms became alarming. From that time his children were with him constantly and in their view death came to him quietly as he was sleeping about half past five Wednesday morning. His body will be taken to Woodstock this morning for interment beside his wife, who died very suddenly a year ago last fall. Services were held by Rev. G. M. Campbell at eight o'clock Wednesday evening at 50 King square. The family remaining are Gertrude McDonald, official stenographer, Harry H. and Rev. Geo. B. Hammond, Baptist minister at Grand Manan. Rev. Mr. McDonald was born on the Island of Grand Manan in 1826, of Scotch parents. During his early life he was engaged in fishing and while still a young man affiliated himself with the Free Baptist church and entered the ministry of that denomination. He had been actively employed in preaching the gospel for about forty years. About fourteen years ago, when the Holiness movement began, Mr. McDonald was the leader, and later when several ministers of the Free Baptist church were tried for heresy, he was their spokesman. When the withdrawal took place from the Free Baptists, Mr. McDonald was the chief organizer of the Reformed Baptist Alliance in this province and has ever been a leader of that denomination, being several times president of the Alliance. It was largely due to his efforts that the British Columbia Synod was inaugurated. During his ministry with the Reformed Baptist church, Mr. McDonald has occupied pulpits all over the province. He was one of the first pastors of that church in St. John, and has since held the office of pastor in Woodstock. During the larger part of the time he has been in Carleton Co. For the past two years he has been engaged in the ministry of the Reformed Baptist church, the King's Highway, which he started and which he has always conducted.

ANDOVER.

The Death of Dr. G. W. Hopkins at Montreal - Interment at Aroostook Junction.

ANDOVER, N. B., Dec. 31.-The people of Andover and vicinity were greatly shocked and grieved on Monday to hear of the death of one of their number, Dr. George W. Hopkins, of Montreal, whose father and mother reside at Aroostook Junction. Dr. Hopkins was twenty-six years of age, and began his successful medical career by entering the Business College at Fredericton. After graduating there he was employed by the firm of Horton & Co. of Port Fairfield, Me. Four years ago he decided to enter the medical profession and went to McGill for that purpose. He studied his duties with great success, and five weeks ago was stricken down with typhoid fever and was taken to the Montreal General Hospital. He died there on the 29th, and after a full performance of the bowels set in, an operation proved unsuccessful, and he succumbed to the disease on Monday, Dec. 29th.

SHELDIAE.

A Dastardly Attempt to Burn the Weldon House.

MONTICLOTT, N. B., Jan. 1.-A dastardly attempt to burn the Weldon House at Sheldiae was made about 10:30 Tuesday night. At that hour a man, dressed in a quantity of oily cloth, entered the rear of the building and set fire to the oil on the walls. The building was not catching and but for the prompt discovery of the unfailing devotion of Sheldiae should have some means not only of suppressing fires, but of guarding against the work of such dastardly characters.

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A P. E. ISLANDER

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DAUGHTER AND MOTHER

Arrested on a Charge of Poisoning the Former's Husband.

SYRACUSE, N. Y., Jan. 1.-Mrs. Maud Kiehl and her mother, Mrs. Adelle Penner, were arrested at their home in South Onondaga today on warrants charging them with the murder of Wm. Kiehl, husband of Mrs. Kiehl. This is the outcome of the inquest conducted at Cortland yesterday, at which evidence was produced tending to show that Wm. Kiehl died of arsenical poisoning. It is the second time that Mrs. Kiehl, the 18 year old country girl, has been arrested. Several months ago she was accused of poisoning Adam Kiehl, her brother-in-law, the theory of the prosecution being that she killed him to prevent his marriage to another woman. The examination caused widespread interest here to know the facts surrounding the death of the girl's husband, who expired some time before his brother's death. Mrs. Kiehl was arrested under almost similar circumstances. The result is the arrest of both the girl and her mother.

SCOTTISH CURLERS

Beaten By Truro and Also By All Nova Scotias.

They Will Get Their Revenge When They Meet the Knights of the Stone in the Upper Province.

HALIFAX, N. S., Dec. 31.-The Scottish curlers had a long season at the game today. In the forenoon two rinks of Truro curlers played them and won by four points. In the afternoon match between Scotland and Nova Scotia, the total points scored by the Nova Scotians aggregated seven more than were made by the Scotsmen. Four rinks played on each side, and the totals were: Scotch rinks, 46; Nova Scotia rinks, 53. The ice was not what the Nova Scotians would have liked, being damper and looser than what is considered good, but, on the other hand, it was not the rough open ice which the Scotsmen are accustomed to. Tomorrow the play will be with individual Nova Scotians.

CAMPBELLTON, N. B., Dec. 31.

At a meeting of the directors of the Campbellton Curling Club, this afternoon, it was decided that two rinks should go to St. John on Monday morning to represent the Scottish curlers. The club piper will probably go with them. Skips will be selected tomorrow after the match between the Scottish born and Canadian born curlers.

NORTON.

Presentation to the Organist of the Free Baptist Church.

NORTON, Dec. 30.-The members of the Free Baptist church met on Tuesday evening and presented their organist, Miss Alta A. McLeod, with a beautiful rose wood music cabinet and purse; also the following address from the pastor, Rev. P. G. Francis: Dear Friend and Sister in Jesus Christ.-If a few more hours, it alive, we should have passed under the lovely arch-way which leads out of the old year into the new. It is certainly a good time for retrospection-for the acknowledgment of our faults and for the confession of faults and resolution for amendment. We, your friends, cannot refrain from an expression of our appreciation regarding the service which you have so faithfully rendered, in leading our hymn praise in the sanctuary of the most High. We gratefully acknowledge the unflinching devotion of your service, given, as it was, gratuitously. The burdens have been many, the perplexities never absent, yet nobly performed your part. Our appreciation would seek a form more tangible than words, therefore, on behalf of the church, and congregation, I have much pleasure in presenting you this music cabinet and purse as a slight token of the esteem in which you are held both for yourself and for your work alike. We wish you the compliments of the season and a bright and joyous New Year, with a long life of service in the Master's cause. On behalf of the F. B. Church, Norton.

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CHATHAM.

Rapid Shrinking of Spread of Moose Antlers.

Over Six Thousand Dollars Guaranteed for the Erection of a New Cathedral-Curriers Coming to St. John to Meet the Scots-Local News.

CHATHAM, Dec. 31.-The last day of the year has proved exceptionally fine, and the beautiful travelling business, and the country folk to rest their stocks of fowl, meat and vegetable in town, with the result that the market is fairly well supplied. Diced by the quarter is selling at 6-1/2 cents, turkeys at 15 cents, geese from 30 to 35 cents, at which rate they are higher than turkeys' potatoes 41 per barrel. The celebrated moose head was an exhibition on the streets yesterday; this is the head of the moose shot by Sterling Trevors some time ago and which was said to carry antlers of 72 inch spread, but from some unexplained cause the spread is now reduced to 42 inches, at which measure it will likely remain. It is said Lord Minto, having read of the extraordinary spread, wrote Trevors with a view of buying the head from him, but a plain explanation of the facts satisfied his lordship. It is a very handsome head, notwithstanding the unexplainable report. St. John's church congregation entertained the children of the Sabbath school last night in the reception rooms of the church, a very fine programme of music, with recitations and addresses, occupied the time for several hours. St. Luke's congregation worshipped last Saturday in the old St. John's church building, which had been fitted up and decorated for the Christmas season. Rev. Mr. Matthews preached with his old time vigor and effectiveness to large congregations. As Mr. Matthews is to remove to a charge in St. John city, many expressions of regret are heard at the prospect of the change. St. John evidently appreciates such a talented and forcible preacher. A children's service is being held by St. Luke's congregation tonight and a watch-night service will commence at eleven o'clock to greet 1903, as he will come, to use the quaint language of one of the departed pillars of Methodism, "booming along by-Christmas." Premier Tweede arrived home last night rather unexpectedly, and those who claim to know, prophesy the immediate announcement of the date of the local elections. F. E. Neale accompanied Mr. Tweede from Fredericton. The Cathedral congregation held a meeting on Sunday last to discuss the preliminaries looking toward the erection of a new cathedral. Subscriptions have been opened and something more than \$5,000 was guaranteed. Committees were appointed and the project discussed at some length, the question of location not having been finally decided owing to some difficulty in securing the necessary area at the contemplated site on Wellington street, but the prospect is that the Johnson property, between Gunard and St. John streets, will be utilized for the purpose. A special attempt has been made to organize a snow shoe and toboggan club here and a slide has been erected near the new school on Station road. Alexander Thompson of Lower Napoleon died after a short illness of pneumonia on Christmas day. He contracted a severe cold while working in the woods and was brought home to die, after a few days of great suffering. He has left a wife and seven sons, the oldest being not more than sixteen years of age. The oldest boy of the family of eight sons died of some peculiar and unknown disease about a year ago. Local curlers have decided to try conclusions with the Scottish visitors and will proceed to St. John with two rinks and high hopes of beating the first, only original heather-nestled knights of the broom who have visited Canada in a representative capacity. Mrs. (Alderman) Nichol entertained her friends at an "At Home" yesterday, which was largely attended, the hours being arranged in periods for which invitations were issued, thus avoiding overcrowding. Invitations have been issued by Mrs. Snowball for an "At Home" for Friday afternoon. It is gratifying to know that this amiable lady has derived much benefit to her health from her recent visit to Boston. Her Honor the Governor is to be congratulated upon the fact of having her valuable support in the recent business transaction with the Holiday season. Capt. Layton of the Newcastle Field Battery was in town today. This is the first visit we have had from Capt. Layton since his return from South Africa, whither he went with the 6th Mounted Rifles. Inspector Menzies and Wm. Williamson of Newcastle were in town yesterday in connection with the job public hall now in course of erection by the Organmen of the chieftown.

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C. P. R. BUYING OUT ST. ANDREWS

It is stated in town that the C. P. R. have taken over the Algonquin Hotel and the other property of the Land Co. at St. Andrews...

THE DEATH OF AN OPERA SINGER

The death occurred on Saturday at his home on Orange street, Moncton, of Wm. J. Cooke, the well known painter...

Advertisement for 'You Can Buy' soap, featuring an illustration of a soap box and the text 'BEST FOR EVERY DAY' and 'of any Grocer'.

Advertisement for 'The Excelsior Life Insurance Company', listing office addresses in Toronto and St. John, N.B., and capital of \$500,000.

LETTERS FROM THE PEOPLE

TO CORRESPONDENTS—Write on one side of the paper only. Send your name, not pseudonym, to the editor...

NOVA SCOTIA GIRL

Little Gladys Dickie of Canada was Successfully Trained by the Great Sp. Clair.

NOVA SCOTIAN

Married a Lady Worth Many Millions. The wedding took place on Friday the 29th at the residence of Dr. E. G. F. Pinder...

MASONIC ELECTIONS

The following officers of Ashlar Lodge, No. 28, A. F. and A. M., of Moncton, were installed by R. W. Bro. G. F. Pinder...

PROTESTANT ORPHAN ASYLUM

The ladies' committee will meet on Thursday, Jan 8th, 1903. The committee heartily thank all those who have generously donated...

NEW GOVERNMENT STEAMER

OTTAWA, Dec. 28.—A cable to the marine department today announced that the government steamer 'Lady' on December 27th, but back into the port today under stress of weather...

SOMETHING

By May Riley Smith. Sometime, when all life's lessons have been learned, And the stars forevermore have set...

A SONG OF THE FLAG

(Montreal Gazette). Have you watched from the towers when the sun was stirred, And the voice of the storm through the wind...

WHEN THE LAMP IS SHATTERED

By Shelley. When the lamp is shattered, The light in the cloud is dead; When the sun is in eclipse, The world is in shadow...

LAURA BIGGAR FREE

Acquitted by Jury. While Dr. Hendricks and Samuel Stanton were Found Guilty of Conspiracy.

TOO SOON

(Published by request.) Lines by Marianne Partridge, quoted by the Rev. George M. Campbell in his address in Centenary church on the occasion of the funeral of the late Mrs. C. E. Macmillan...

A PORTRAIT

(A. A. Reed in January Smart Set.) She is altogether woman, yet not altogether woman, for the devil has his share in her...

ACTRESS OF A HEAVY LIFE

By Henry Wood. How happy is the born and taught, Who serves that never makes a want; Whose art is life, whose law is love; Whose mind's sole business is to give...

FREEHOLD, N. J., Dec. 24

—Laura Biggar was acquitted and Dr. Charles O. Hendricks and Samuel Stanton, formerly a justice of the peace, were found guilty by the jury today in the case against the three defendants on the charge of having conspired to get possession of the entire estate of Henry M. Bennett, a capitalist of Pittsburg...

IN VIA MERULANA

The Via Merulana at Rome, extending from St. Peter's Basilica to the Vatican, crosses the land which was occupied in former times by the Gardens of Maecenas.

THE WALKS BREAK UP

The walks break up at my feet, Dreams are but dreams, the night yearns, Whose arms are traffic in the street, Of public fame or private breath...

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Advertisement for 'VERI CITY' khobor, 'Arrives at Windsor Route to His Pen Siberian Exile—Can Tell Whether Canada a Free Country Not.'

Advertisement for 'Happy Re-union With Anna—in a Harry to Mother—the Man of Fifteen Years as a Russian'.

When, at a little before the train drew in, there all of the front coaches at Waterloo, a number of people promenade the platform...

His sister saw him, stand back, and quietly walked towards him, followed by waiting Doukhobors, with Verigin dropped his arms, his hat, opened his arms...

On the party's migration buildings, Verigin showed the room set apart for his quarters, a little way from his sister and friends...

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Advertisement for 'To Cure a Cold in One Day' using 'Laxative Bromo Quinine Tablets', featuring the signature of E. W. Johnson.

VERIGIN.

Archbishop Leader Arrives at Winnipeg.

En Route to His People From Siberian Exile—Cannot Yet Tell Whether Canada is a Free Country or Not.

Happy Re-union With His Sister Anna—In a Hurry to See His Mother—The Man Who Spent Fifteen Years as a Russian Prisoner.

(Winnipeg Free Press, Dec. 23.)

For three hours before the train from the east pulled in yesterday afternoon, a number of people patiently promenaded the platform awaiting its arrival. One of them—a woman—had been there since early morning. She was awaiting her brother, whom she had not seen for fifteen years. She knew nothing of the congestion of traffic along the C. P. R., and so kept steadfast watch lest the train might get in before its advertised time, determined, no matter when it arrived, that her brother should find someone there to meet him.

When, at a little before 3 o'clock, the train drew in, three or four from one of the front coaches a tall, quiet-looking man, carrying a black leather valise studded with nickel bosses and ranged in curious design. A dark blue gabardine reached half way to the knees, over his trousers were fastened close-fitting, dark-grey leggings, piped at the edges with black cloth. His headgear was a black fedora. Around his neck he wore a long cord, fastened to which was a heavy silver watch and a richly-chased gold pencil. Alongside the watch pocket was a fountain pen, secured by loops of the cloth.

The traveller was Peter Verigin, newly come to Canada after fifteen years of Siberian exile. The woman awaiting him was his sister.

In the crush of Christmas travel it was some time before those looking for the new arrival could find the object of their search. Accompanied by Interpreter Harvey, who had gone east to meet Verigin, and by Ewan Ivan, Paul Plainfield and Simon Eischen, three Doukhobors who had been directed by the communists to extend to the Doukhobor leader welcome on his arrival, Verigin walked eastward along the platform.

A HAPPY REUNION. His sister saw him, standing half a head taller than the average, and ran towards him, followed by the other waiting Doukhobors, with joyful cries. Verigin dropped his valise, took off his hat, opened his arms and cried "Anna!" He kissed his sister and the others, and quietly walked on toward the immigration buildings, being introduced on the way to H. P. Archer, of Swan River; Immigration Agent Crerar, of Yorkton—both of whom have been for days in the city awaiting his coming; and to Alex. Almonogoff, who acted as interpreter, and the Free Press representative.

On the party arriving at the immigration buildings, Verigin was shown the room set apart for his use. Here he spent a little time chatting with his sister and friends, including after his mother—who is 86 years of age, and who lives at Potertravsky Village with his sister, whose full name is Anna Vasilievna Verigin. Then, after the baggage had been packed away and the foregoing domestic enquiries made, the party moved downstairs to Acting Commissioner Mr. Moffatt's office.

Mr. Moffatt greeted Verigin warmly, welcoming him to the west in the name of the dominion authorities. In answer to his enquiries as to his voyage, Verigin said it was a long journey—good, but rough. He had sailed from Liverpool after crossing Europe from Moscow to Warsaw, and thence to England.

"You'll be glad to be in a country," said Mr. Moffatt, "where there is religious and individual freedom."

"I haven't looked around yet," answered Verigin, through the interpreter, "so I cannot yet tell whether this is a free country or not."

"You know, however," said Mr. Moffatt, "that in Canada we do not put people in prison because of their political or religious views."

"Oh, yes," answered Verigin, "I know that."

"People have been looking for your coming for a long time," said Agent Crerar. "There are 300 Doukhobors at Yorkton station, watching every train for you. And there is one person very anxious to see you—your mother."

Verigin had up till this time been quietly courteous and dignified; but here his manner underwent a change, becoming alertly interested. "Did you see my mother; yes?" he asked. "When did you see her? Was she well?"

Mr. Crerar satisfied him on these points, and then Verigin asked him when the train could take him there. "I am in a hurry to see my mother," he said. "There is no train till tomorrow, yes?" "I would go today if I could; yes?"

Then he realized that perhaps he might be taking up too much of the commissioner's time. "Shall I see you again, yes?" he asked. "You are perhaps now too occupied."

Being assured on this point, Mr. Moffatt asked him concerning his visit to Canada. "I cannot talk much business," he said. "For I had not seen the Doukhobors. Of myself I knew nothing of their troubles—only of what I had heard. They told me the people would not take up their homestead lands."

"Did you hear of the pilgrimages?" asked Mr. Crerar, "and of the action taken by the government to prevent the pilgrims from being frozen to death?"

"I had not heard any particulars,"

answered Verigin. "It was in print in Russian papers. They said that 300 people were frozen to death."

Mr. Crerar told him that this was entirely false. Pointing to the Free Press representative—who was the only newspaper man present at the interview—Mr. Crerar told Verigin that he had accompanied the pilgrims throughout their wanderings, and personally knew of the facts in connection therewith. "Is that so, yes?" said Verigin. "I shall have much to ask him."

VERIGIN'S PERSONALITY. Throughout the interview Verigin said little, only speaking in reply to questions, and allowing the others to do the talking. His manner was marked with a natural courtesy and simple dignity that would single him out for notice anywhere. His voice is low, and of singular sweetness. Physically, Verigin is a splendid type of his race. Tall and strongly built, and of erect and graceful carriage, he would attract attention among hundreds of good-looking men. His features are regular, and his skin of an olive pallor. His hair and beard—his whole expression that of a man who has suffered much, and has triumphed over everything through the force of kindly courage and constancy.

It was evident that he would make no statement as to his future actions, or the counsel he would give the Doukhobors, who for months have been anxiously awaiting his coming, till he had personally familiarized himself with every phase of the situation.

Mr. Moffatt, indeed, and wisely did not attempt to draw from Verigin any statement. "You will know all about the troubles the government has had with the Doukhobors," he said, "when you get among them. In such a small space, soon after they were told to march into a building, they were told to go to the limits of their walks extended, that it was a mistake, they said, they were surrounded by soldiers. They fired a volley, wounding many of the soldiers and killing two."

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As Verigin talked of his wife his voice broke several times. He sprang up from the chair and paced up and down the room while speaking of them, and it was some minutes before he regained his composure.

"What did you do while in exile?" next asked the reporter.

"I ate and slept, of course. I used to make and carpentered and built stores. We had all sorts of things for living, for the Russian government allows nothing for the sustenance of its prisoners, but it was very hard to get anything, and I was very poor."

"Are the reports of cruelty and ill-treatment which you have heard of sometimes true?"

"In what way you mean, ill-use?" answered Verigin, "the exiles are sent to a village. They have to walk all day, and they are tired and fall behind, they are beaten. If they try to run away they are shot. If they go outside the village boundaries they are punished—may be sent down the mines. In Inkutsk there were some student exiles. They said they wanted to see the limits of their walks extended, that it was a mistake, they said, they were surrounded by soldiers. They fired a volley, wounding many of the soldiers and killing two."

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Breathing Disease. Infectious diseases are breathed into the system from those affected with disease or from bad smells; yet how many women breathe in offensive steam from common soaps made from rancid fats, and keep their hands for hours in such solutions, and the itching from such soap suds is worn next the tender skin. No wonder disease and eczema are prevalent! Users of Sunlight Soap recognize the difference between that and the pure, healthful smell from the vegetable oils and pure edible fats in Sunlight Soap.

A SUSSEX POET. Whose Modest Little Book is Worthy of Much Praise.

"Sunshine and Shadow, Verses," by George Scott, a modest little book of 60 pages in paper covers, is published by the press of R. D. Robinson, Publishers, Ltd., Sussex, N. B.

Mr. Scott is not a newspaper man, nor has he ever been engaged in literary work. He is a Scotchman who has drifted about the world a bit, and for the last twelve years has lived in Canada. Two gentlemen in Sussex, who saw some of his work, and believed he possessed merit which should be recognized, have purchased the above little book which bears the above title.

The first impression one gets from a reading of these poems, heavily all of them short, is that they are the work of one who has read deeply and feels the influence of other poets, rather than of one whose words leap hot from the furnace of his own striving soul. Much of it is good poetry, nevertheless, with a rhythmic swing and the promise of better work to come. Here is a stanza from "Faith":

Look on the hills that are white With the whiteness that latest eternal, Nor expect that the sun will shine, With a beauty triumphant, superfluous, And hoary, moated granite, And gleams of adoring be poured In praise of the gift and the giver.

Another short poem begins: A spark, a flicker in the universe, Such is the earth, the field of light, And such the glow in which we delight: And all our thoughts, yet all our hopes, Love, and peace, and a boundless shore.

And another— Look as the sun his course doth keep, Long as the moon his path from him, He keeps his promise faithfully, And his beloved ever true.

Lord, give us of thy word, that we might in this world's debate, And murmur at a roused fate, Who have our hearts and souls to thee.

Note the following picture from the Village: I am thinking tonight of a village, Such as you still may see, valley in the pleasant north counties, And hoary, moated granite, And gleams of adoring be poured In praise of the gift and the giver.

On quiet ovals of the valley: Oh, peace and rest, There surely is mortal bliss, The song of the lark and thrush, And all notes of the magnitude In the spirit of the "Empty Saddle," Is another picture.

But there is another day, When the sun and moon are away, And the stars are bright and gold, O'er a river the way, O'er a river the way, O'er a river the way, O'er a river the way.

The poems are all in serious vein, and seem to reflect the words of one who has read deeply and feels the influence of other poets, rather than of one whose words leap hot from the furnace of his own striving soul.

The world offers very little encouragement to writers of verse, unless they strike a very lofty note. So many of our poets are content to find fields which have also been trodden by the great masters of song, that they would command attention must combine with originality, and perhaps care less about the form of the message than its aptness and beauty.

Of Sunshine and Shadow the prefatory remark of the author's literary sponsors is that they prefer it "should be taken as an experiment in literary work, the author's educational opportunities, they added, were restricted, which certainly makes one admire all the more the work he has produced; as well as the student spirit and the development of poetic fancy.

These observations may properly be concluded by quoting one of Mr. Scott's poems which is not found in the book, but was written for the Maritime Farmer.

"THE TRUSTED AUTOGRAT. Oh, sing a song of the brave and strong, Of the hands embrowned by toil, These be the hands of the kings of the lands, These be the hands of the old, Though lowly born, yet they hold in scorn The prizes in the world's eye, Unstirred and rude, their every mood Is big with the voice of fate.

No scepter, I wear, in their hands is seen, No herald proclaims their fame, Yet the sturdy arms from the upland farms Have brought to the tyrant shame, And the son of the soil, though bent with toil, Is nobler in his degree, Than the battled knight, at his is the right Of a world-wide empire.

Then, sing me a song of the brave and strong, Of the men who till the sod, Who bind us to the ground with their hands, Who bring us the harvest of the loam, When the plowshare whirrs and spins, And the sun is hot and the wind is keen, And these are the men who win the crown, Who smite the steel till the echoes reel, Who dig in the darkness mine, Who put at the end of the treacherous shore.

There is a toll divine, But these are hands that hold all lands, And these are the might and theirs is the right, Till time shall have run its course.

On Monday Isaac G. Stevens, who with Mrs. Stevens yesterday celebrated the 50th anniversary of their marriage, was agreeably surprised by the presentation of a purse of gold from his relatives in the city.

JAPAN AND CHINA.

Another Big Rebellion Reported in China.

Japanese Pistol That Will Fire Eighty Cartridges a Minute—Japan's Budget.

VICTORIA, B. C., Dec. 30.—The steamer Glenogic, from the Orient, brings news that the disaster in the Teikoku colliery was not so disastrous as reported, a majority of the 39 imprisoned miners having been rescued.

The U. S. S. Oregon arrived at Yokohama Dec. 13, three days overdue; after a very rough passage from San Francisco. All her boats were lost, and the steamer which swept her decks carried away all the gear and resulted in the death of one man. She was ordered into dock.

Lieut. Hime of the Japanese infantry has invented an automatic pistol which fires eighty cartridges a minute. The range is more than a thousand metres. The invention has been taken over by the Japanese government.

The Japanese budget for 1908 has been submitted to the Diet. The revenue for the year is 225,305,537 yen, and expenditure 240,545,971. The balance of 13,784,566 yen has been set aside for railway construction and extraordinary expenditure. An estimate of 39,800,505 yen is made to spread over eleven years for the naval expansion programme.

Japanese papers print despatches from Peking that the imperial government has received despatches from Gen. Teao, in Moukden, saying that Kan Fow Fu, a rebel leader, has collected a force numbering 100,000 in the neighbourhood of Shirkang, and that the rebels have erected fortifications, coiled money and created a new state. Gen. Teao says the imperial civil and military officers in Moukden are powerless to deal with the rebels.

The steamer Ensign Henry, running between Chefoo and Wei Hai Wei, has been wrecked on the state of the coast, saved, but the mails and freight were lost.

THOS. NAST'S DEATH. Details of Passing Away of Once Famous Cartoonist.

WASHINGTON, Dec. 30.—Details of the death of Thos. Nast, late United States consul general at Guayaquil, have reached the state department, a report from U. S. Vice-Consul Robert B. Jones.

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ALBERT CO. OPPOSITION.

Will Launch Campaign on the Prohibition Basis—Convention Called for January 12th.

(Special cor. of Sun.)

ALBERT, Dec. 29.—A large and representative convention of the electors of the county of Alberta, opposed to the local government, met in Oulton Hall today. Delegates were present from all parts of the county except Cochrane, as follows:

Hillbore—J. M. Steves, John L. Peck, Edward Miller, Wm. Burns, Hopwood—I. C. Prescott, Capt. E. C. Wood, C. A. Peck, K. C. Frank Carney, James Stevens, Freeman Crocker, Henry J. Bennett.

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