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Canadian Club, Ottawa, the Hosts—Politics Were Tabooed, But the Distinguished Gentlemen Made Entertaining Speeches About the Relations of the Dominion to the Motherland.

ada would not always remain as they are at present. They would be improved, and in doing so justice would be dealt to all. There were two currents before them. One was centralization and the other local autonomy.

He ventured to express at one time that Canada should have its own treaty making power, but he would not discuss that question tonight. He would, however, protest against the idea that treaty-making power would be a severance of the tie that bound us to the parent state.

For years there was a movement of the population to the south, but now the movement was from the south to the north. There was what was called the American invasion.

Canada was proud to be a nation and they were also proud to be subjects of the British crown. The relations of Can-

David A. Harquell, of Campbellton, Married to Miss Nora Cripps Last Night.

Chatham, N. B., Jan. 18.—(Special)—In the pro-cathedral at 6:30 this evening Nora, daughter of John Cripps, and David Alloysius Harquell, of the building and contracting firm of J. & D. A. Harquell, Campbellton, were united in marriage by Rev. Henry T. Joyner.

2,000 MORE COMING TO THE BARR COLONY.

Winnipeg, Jan. 18.—(Special)—The immigration commissioner has received advice of the coming of 2,000 Britons early in the spring for the Barr colony.

BOSTON WOMAN BURNED TO DEATH.

Boston, Jan. 18.—While Mrs. Jennie B. Humphrey, aged sixty, was filling an oil stove in her room in a lodging house at 8 Pembroke street tonight, her clothing caught fire and she was burned to death.

MANY BUSINESS HOUSES BURNED OUT IN MONTREAL.

McLeod, Hawthorne & Co., Swift, Copeland & Co., King Clothier Co., Finlay, Smith & Co., and Rozand & Co., Heavy Losers—Firemen Had Hard Time With Thermometer 10 Below Zero.

Montreal, Jan. 18.—(Special)—A serious fire broke out here this afternoon in a cellar used by McLeod, Hawthorne & Co., dealers in trunks and leather goods. It spread upwards rapidly through an elevator shaft and completely gutted the entire upper building, which was occupied by Swift, Copeland & Co., hats and furs, and Rozand & Co., milliners, and the King

PARLIAMENT WILL NOT MEET TILL MARCH 10.

Change of Date Occasioned by the Bye-Elections.

Railway Commission Act Called Into Effect Feb. 1—Minister of Railways Will Leave for Moncton Thursday Morning--A Stop to Be Made at Bathurst, Where He Will Be Tendered a Reception.

Ottawa, Jan. 18.—(Special)—An order-in-council was passed today, summoning parliament for March 10. It was at first expected to call the house for March 2nd, but there are some objections to be held, and it will take some time to make necessary arrangements for these.

ANNUAL CONVENTION OF COLOMBIA'S VAIN PROTEST MADE PUBLIC.

Total Membership is About 330,000, and They Have More Than \$1,000,000 in the Bank.

Indianapolis, Ind., Jan. 18.—The fifteenth annual convention of the United Mine Workers of America began in Tomlinson had today, with approximately 1,000 delegates present.

Winnipeg, Jan. 18.—President Roosevelt transmitted to the Senate today additional correspondence touching the relations of the United States with Columbia and Panama, covering the period from December 23, 1903, to January 6 last.

A statement of grievances on the part of Colombia was presented to the State department by General Reyes on December 13. General Reyes says that the course of the United States had worked deep injury to Colombia and he cited the treaty of 1846 as showing that the independence and sovereignty of Colombia were to be maintained intact between the two governments.

NEW HAVEN, CONN.

New Haven, Conn., Jan. 18.—Fire and water badly wrecked the Hadley hotel tonight, causing a loss which will aggregate \$150,000. A score or more of tenants lost all their office effects, but in most cases the insurance is ample.

SALEM OFFICIAL INDICTED ON FIFTY-FOUR COUNTS.

Salem, Mass., Jan. 18.—An indictment on fifty-four counts was returned today by the grand jury against John A. Gilroy, former city treasurer of Haverhill.

ST. JOHN'S, Nfld., DIOCESE TO BE ARCHBISHOPRIC.

Rome, Jan. 18.—The congregation of the Propaganda has decided to propose to the Pope the erection of the Diocese of St. John's (Nfld.), into an Archdiocese, by appointing Bishop M. F. Howley, Archbishop of St. John's and archdeacon of the Apostolic Vicariate of St. George's into a Bishopric by appointing the Rev. McNeil to be Bishop of St. George's.

Yankees Increasing Fleet at Panama.

Washington, Jan. 18.—The United States fleet at Panama has been augmented by the gunboat Bennington and the torpedo boat destroyers Peble and Paul Jones, which have arrived there from San Francisco.

PEACE PARTY NOW IN THE ASCENDANCY AT RUSSIAN COURT.

Czar Declared That All Danger of Conflict in Far East Was Now Ended--All St. Petersburg Despatches to Morning London Papers Have More Hopeful Tone--Tokio Feeling Still Warlike.

London, Jan. 19.—The Czar in receiving the ministers in state at Tsarkoe-Selo on Sunday, declared, says the Daily Mail's St. Petersburg correspondent, that all danger of a conflict was now ended.

Russia and Japan Getting Nearer Together.

TRURO HAS ANOTHER SENSATION.

Englishman, Who Cut Quite a Swath for a Time, Disappears—Dr. and Mrs. Rich Haven't Returned Yet.

TRURO, N. S., Jan. 18.—(Special)—Another sensation in Truro. William Henry Sheehan has suddenly disappeared and is wanted for hotel bill and horse hire.

AMERICAN BATTLESHIP AT MANILA.

Washington, Jan. 18.—The battleship Kentucky, Wisconsin and Oregon, of the Asiatic fleet, arrived at Manila today from their practice cruise to Honolulu.

ST. JOHN MAN'S TESTIMONY IN CHICAGO THEATRE INQUEST.

William T. Carleton, the Stags Manager, Testified That the Asbestos Curtain Wouldn't Work on the Opening Night, and He Asked to Have It Fixed, But it Wasn't Attended To.

Chicago, Jan. 18.—The first definite testimony showing negligence on the part of the men in charge of the Incoquin stage developed today. John F. Dougherty, a bridge construction ironworker, who stated that he was employed as an extra hand to assist on the fly floor of the theatre, was the witness from whom the evidence was obtained.

Yes, a man came running over to me from the south side of the stage and said to lower the asbestos curtain. I tried to lower it but it was heavy and my hand was caught. Some one pulled down the rope and shoved me out of the way.

Do you mean to say that you tried to do this before the regular men in charge of the curtain could reach it? Deputy Coroner Buckley.

"I guess that is so," admitted Dougherty. Witness said he knew the men in charge of the three curtains but did not see them in the flies.

Stage Manager William T. Carleton, of the Bluebird Company, admitted that on the opening night of the Incoquin Theatre the asbestos curtain not only caught in dropping but was damaged by coming in contact with the "strip" lights lining the proscenium arch. After this occurrence Carleton said he spoke to Stage Carpenter Cummings about it, and the latter promised to prevent any interference with the dropping of the curtains.

OUR COUNTRY CORRESPONDENCE.

FREDERICKTON.

Frederickton, N. B., Jan. 15.—(Special)—The masquerade carnival at the Arctic rink this evening was attended by upwards of 1,000 people and was one of the most successful in the history of the rink.

The ladies' prizes for the most original costume went to Misses Eliza Campbell and Lillian McManus, Edwards and Maud Hart divided second prize and the third went to Misses Mary and Mary Pidgeon.

The gents' prize winners were Norman Edgcombe, as the Mikado; Joseph McManis, Earl Macnut and Theodore Barker.

Private Vanine, No. 4 R. C. R. I., who slipped out the other night, taking with him a pair of binocular glasses and other small articles belonging to Capt. Kenny Betty, returned to the barracks last night after sending the goods back to Capt. Betty. He was locked up in the guard house and will be court-martialed.

On E. Yezzo, of Norton, engineer on the Central Railway, was married at his father's residence at Gibson last night. His bride was Miss Annie McPhee, of Norton. Rev. W. R. Robinson performed the ceremony.

Lea Sherwood, daughter of Burpee Sherwood, carpenter, of Gibson, died at Stanley yesterday afternoon. She was visited by her grandfather at Stanley when taken ill. Mr. Sherwood lost a young son by death only two months ago.

The infant child of Mrs. Fred McFarlane, who is quarantined for smallpox at Nashuakiss, died yesterday. The child was born only a few days ago and at birth was said to have been marked with the disease.

Frederickton, N. B., Jan. 17.—(Special)—Mrs. John Flanagan broke two of her ribs by falling down cellar at her residence last evening.

The body of the late Mrs. Cowan, who died at Woodstock on Friday, arrived here by Gibbon train last evening, and was interred at Lincoln this afternoon.

Frederickton, N. B., Jan. 18.—(Special)—The firemen gave a very enjoyable smoking concert in the central hall station this evening. A musical programme was carried out and there were speeches by Mayor Palmer, J. W. McCready and Aldermen Farrell, Edward Ross, Scott, Vanwart and others.

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delivered by Dept. Grand Regent Wetmore, A. Robinson of Bangor (Me.), C. W. Stockton and others. Sussex orchestra furnished music and a pleasant evening was spent at a horse belonging to W. H. Vanning run away on the freight house road this afternoon and collided with a telegraph pole near the crossing, breaking the sleigh. W. H. Vanning, jr., who was driving, escaped injury.

The Rev. B. H. Nobles, who has been ill for some time past, is able to take up his work tomorrow, Sunday. The services are as usual. Social conference meeting 2 p. m.

Sussex, N. B., Jan. 18.—Mrs. F. W. Brown, daughter of J. M. and Mrs. Kinney, arrived on Saturday from Trinidad (Colorado) with her baby, after an absence of two years. Mr. Brown is expected to arrive in a few days.

A large number of the Sussex firemen have gone to St. John to attend the winter sports.

W. W. Dodge, of Nauwigewauk, is in Sussex visiting his daughter, Mrs. Annie Sherwood, Mrs. West and Miss Ann Dodge.

CHATHAM.

Chatham, Jan. 14.—The annual business meeting of St. Andrew's church was held last evening and was largely attended. Rev. D. Henderson's report from the session showed increased membership and moral progress in all the societies in connection with the church.

The secretary and treasurer of trustees reported that all ordinary expenditure had been met, and a substantial balance was in the treasury, and that the close of 1903 had found the church entering free of debt.

Encouraging reports from the Sunday school, W. P. M. S. Mission Band, Ladies Aid and Westminster Guild were submitted.

Premier Tweede congratulated the church on its excellent showing, and Rev. D. Henderson on the marked progress during his ministry, and moved that the congregation should place on record its appreciation of the service rendered by Mrs. Henderson to the church. This was heartily carried.

He also moved that \$25 a year be added to the salary of the sexton. Carried. The meeting was continued until 11 o'clock, and was one of the most prosperous in the history of the church.

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very suddenly while working in the woods for G. Hebertson on the Hill. He leaves a wife and family of small children.

While crossing the Cannan river at the mouth of Fork Stream Freeman Black's horse broke through the ice and was saved with great difficulty.

Miss Lizzie Somerville has gone to Kingston (Me.) on a visit to her brother, Dr. B. Somerville.

Edward Wiggins, of Pictou's Coveville, has all his stock and farm implements today put in auction.

I. T. Hetherington, fish and game warden, has been ill for the past week. Capt. Isaac Morden, who has been to Boston and New York visiting his children, has returned home.

Miss Gogod, of Milltown, takes charge of Piarroze school and Miss McAvoy, of Piarroze will teach Akerley's school the next term.

At the last meeting of Bellevue Lodge, I. O. G. T., six candidates were initiated. A. C. M. Lauson, grand secretary, is arranging for a delegation of clergymen and temperance workers to appear before the county council at its annual session next week at Gagetown, to advocate the appointment of a Scott act inspector for Queens county.

HOPEWELL HILL.

Hopewell Hill, Jan. 14.—The annual roll call of the Hopewell Baptist church was held here yesterday, and was well attended. Among the members present at the business meeting were Capt. A. W. Burns, J. Alton Tingley, Geo. Milburn, Hopewell Cape; J. W. Fullerton, Albert; G. W. Russell, and Mrs. P. A. Doneh.

In the afternoon the roll call proper was held, the names being read by the pastor, Rev. Dr. Brown. The pastor also referred to the report of the Hopewell church, which was organized in 1818, and regretted that there was not a complete history of the church from that date. It was voted to have a complete history of the organization, a Rev. Mr. Newcomb had done splendid work for the denomination, but no particulars concerning him, or anything of his private life, were obtainable.

On Tuesday evening Mr. Pleasant Lodge, I. O. G. T., held an open session with a good programme of entertainment, consisting of choruses, readings by Misses Flora Russell and Edna West, and Fred Smith, and speeches by H. H. Stuart, lodge deputy, Alexander Rogers, Allen Robinson and others.

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DIGBY.

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The municipal council is in session in Digby this afternoon. Mr. Weymouth, has been appointed Scott act prosecutor for Digby county.

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Sickness still prevails among us, and some are down with scarlet fever and diphtheria. The young son of Mr. Sumner is ill with fever. Rev. J. W. Atkins is confined to his home with a very bad cold and was unable to take his regular appointments last night. Whooping cough has laid its hand upon young, old and middle aged, and even those who have had the disease in other years, have again fallen victims to it. Mrs. P. A. Doneh has been housed for a few days with neuralgia.

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Present Pain-Distant Doctors. Johnson's Ointment. All pains, whether internal or external, yield to this old and wonderful remedy.

EMERSON TO STIR POLITICS. SCOTTISH EXPERTS TO WORK AT CANSO. The Dominion Government Will Establish Experimental Herring Station There.

Ottawa, Jan. 15.—(Special)—Hon. H. R. Emerson is now minister of railways. He was sworn in at noon today a member of the cabinet and minister of railways by Lord Minto, at Rideau Hall.

Mr. Emerson's appointment will be gazetted tomorrow. The new minister of railways, after being sworn in, went to the cabinet meeting, where he spent the afternoon. He will go to the railway department tomorrow with Mr. Blair, who has been acting since Mr. Blair resigned.

Toult Mr. Emerson has been in receipt of a shower of telegrams from all over Canada and the United States, congratulating him on his appointment. He also received cablegrams of congratulations from England.

Railway Commission Organized. The railway commission has been practically organized. It will comprise Hon. A. G. Blair, chairman; Hon. M. E. Beaton, Hon. J. R. Booth, Hon. J. G. Macdonald, Hon. J. G. Macdonald, Hon. J. G. Macdonald.

Prof. J. H. Millar is sixty-three years of age. He is a native of Simcoe county, Ontario, and worked hard on the farm until twenty-one years of age, when he met with an accident, losing one of his arms by a threshing machine. He commenced his education at a time when most young men have finished theirs.

Charles Hyman, M. P., in the Cabinet. It is reported tonight that Charles Hyman, M. P., for London (Ont.), will be offered cabinet rank next portfolio.

Will Issue Call for Meeting of N. B. Liberals. Speaking to your correspondent tonight Mr. Emerson said that he was in communication with Senator King, the president of the Liberal Association of the Province of New Brunswick, and in a few days, the association will meet in St. John.

The new minister is anxious to see the Liberals of the province thoroughly organized so that they may be ready for the political contest, no matter when it may take place.

Mr. Emerson has been invited to attend the Carleton county Liberal convention, on the 21st inst., and also a banquet at Amherst (N. S.), of a branch of the Canadian Industrial League, on the 20th inst. He has not yet been able to announce his movements. He will be here for a few days at any rate, and will, as soon as possible, leave for the maritime provinces.

RIVAL OF SPRUCE. Gatz Whitewood Will Compete This Year With Our Spruce Deals. Gatz Whitewood is to be a competitor with New Brunswick spruce in the British market this year. Reference to the coming of this wood from Southern Europe upon the British market was made during last year. The last issue of the London Timber Trades Journal says:

Smallpox in Maine. The smallpox situation in Staebyley (Me.), is getting to be a serious affair, says the Millinocket Journal. Lately news cases have broken out until there are now eleven. The town is quarantined, the order being given to Dr. Young, of the state board of health, after a careful examination by him, assisted by Drs. Upham and Varney. It is claimed that most of the eleven quarantined are in critical need of food, and the town fathers are looking after them during their confinement. Several lumber camps close by Staebyley have been quarantined. It was rumored that the disease had broken out in the Sourdabank region, and that Dr. Varney had gone up to look into matters.—Bangor News.

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A SESSION.

As has been foreshadowed by The Telegraph the government has decided to summon Parliament within a few weeks. This news was given out in an official statement at Ottawa last evening. These tidings square in every respect with The Telegraph's forecast of matters political.

The government gives as its reason for holding another session the fact that the Grand Trunk asks for certain modifications of the railway contract recently entered into, the nature of which modifications the country is in a position to guess with some accuracy.

The Telegraph in the last few months has given considerable space to the objections urged by statesmen and business men to the contract into which the government was supposed to stand sponsor. The defection of Hon. Mr. Blair and his great speech against the government's railway bill was the beginning of the season of doubt which has attended the preliminaries in connection with the proposed new trans-continental railway. Mr. Blair's speech, it must be plain to anyone who reviews the case, resulted in damning certain features of the railway project in the eyes of some of the railway men and bankers who had proposed to carry it to completion.

Next in the order of events came the default of the promoters. By act of Parliament they were called upon to deposit to the government's credit \$5,000,000 in cash or government securities. This was not done. Instead the Grand Trunk directors, without the consent of their stockholders, offered to put up \$5,000,000 in mortgage bonds of the Grand Trunk. As this offer would not be regarded as a legal compliance with the act of Parliament, and as the government could not alter the contract without the consent of Parliament, another session becomes necessary before the G. T. P. bargain can be regarded as complete. In reality the original bargain was vitiated by the failure of the Grand Trunk to meet the statutory requirements of the act.

The company asks for modifications. In plain words the original plan of the government in regard to the new trans-continental is not good enough for the investors. Perhaps they will ask that the Quebec-Moncton section be abandoned. Perhaps they are inclined to discard the scheme so far as it involves the operation of the line projected east of Winnipeg. Evidently, as The Telegraph ventured to suggest some days ago, the government prefers to discuss these modifications of its railway policy while it has at its command the majority in the House which passed the Grand Trunk Pacific scheme last year. The coming re-opening of the question, however, would seem to prefigure a lively session.

CHAMPLAIN.

With the contribution that appears in today's issue of The Telegraph the Rev. Dr. Raymond concludes his story of the River St. John so far as the French period is concerned. He has introduced into his very interesting narrative much that has never before appeared in print, and it may be said, without fear of contradiction, that he has written the most complete account of the events of the river on the River St. John during the French regime that has yet appeared.

A widespread interest is being taken in these papers, and many inquiries have been made from various parts of the province and even from places as far as the Pacific Coast, whether the series of articles contributed to The Telegraph will appear in book form. We are glad to say that this will be the case and that the book will appear shortly before the Champlain-Moncton commemoration in June. Meanwhile Dr. Raymond will continue his series of papers and tell the story of the settlement of the country by the pioneers of English civilization, including the landing of the Loyalists.

The Telegraph has been fortunate in that it is the medium of publication selected for these papers. The series furnishes a splendid literary preparation for the celebration which St. John will undertake in June next. While saying that, The Telegraph desires to say also, that the information set forth in Rev. Dr. Raymond's narrative is of peculiar value to any man who would know of the early

days of this region. Politics and war, personal worth and personal adventure, the chess-play of rulers for a great domain on their outer marches, history, chivalry, romance, suffering, religion—all these things march in their proper position in the story which the Rev. Dr. Raymond is telling of the River St. John.

His narrative is at once picturesque and a necessary preparation for the coming celebration. Besides, it is a narrative which no reading native of the province may neglect if he wish to know the story of the land and how it was that it came to him after the struggle between the Indians, the French and the conquering British. It is a stirring history, which has already commanded wide attention and which will be even more absorbing in its subsequent chapters. It carries us back to Champlain and conducts us down to the time of British supremacy, giving us the color and temper of the period with unflinching accuracy. This story will prove an admirable introduction to the celebration which is to come in June, in which, already, so much interest has been displayed, as to assure a conspicuous success.

LOOKING FOR MONEY.

France has loaned to Russia all the money which French bankers consider a wise investment. In search of a war loan Russia has Germany alone to look to, and there she may not be successful. For Russia's national debt is heavy and her credit is at low ebb. We all know something about the sinews of war. Where are they to come from? Russia possibly may bring the initial cost of her next campaign from her people, but the proposal suggests danger. It would be her plan to float a war loan and tax the subjects of the Czar thereafter. But already her debt is enormous and her chances of paying interest upon it are not such as to enhance her credit in the money markets of the world. The Jews, whose grasp of international finance is of recognized strength, are opposed to Russia. France has been both Russia's banker and her ally, but the bankers of Paris have just refused to underwrite another loan for the Czar, and he must turn to Berlin, where his government has been unable to borrow a dollar since Bismarck's sun was at noon.

Notoriously in need of money the question Where will Russia get it? becomes of more than ordinary interest in view of the situation in the Far East. A financial expert reminds us that after the Bismarck episode the periodical visits of the Czar to Paris began. He says in this connection:—

These visits were followed by the alliance between Russia and France. Immediately after the formation of this alliance Russia began borrowing heavily in Paris. The first loan was in 1891 and was for \$100,000,000 per cent. and was sold for 75%. Since that year Russia has borrowed over \$1,000,000,000 in Paris. The French government notified the Paris bankers several weeks ago that it would not be advisable to underwrite any more Russian bond issues. Russia, cannot, of course, borrow any money in London and is forced to turn to Berlin. This would be the first Russian loan in Berlin for over seven years.

And Berlin would loan no money unless Germany had decided to support Russia in return for the doubtful cession of the richest province in China.

The nations of the world owe varying and vast sums. They are by no means poorest in credit who owe the larger sums. A statement recently compiled may be of interest. The public debts of the chief countries of the world today are in aggregate \$34,380,000,000. "Of this amount," says the writer, "France, the United Kingdom, Germany, Italy and Spain owe \$17,000,000,000. France owes \$5,500,000,000, or \$150 per capita; the United Kingdom \$3,885,000,000, or \$92 per capita; Russia, \$3,500,000,000, or \$24 per capita; Spain, \$2,600,000,000, or \$11 per capita; Japan, \$2,000,000,000, or \$11 per capita; the German Empire and German states, \$3,385,000,000, or \$80 per capita; the United States, \$2,250,000,000, or \$11 per capita. Japan has a debt of \$206,000,000, representing \$4.73 per capita. The United States is the only country in the world able to borrow money at two per cent. The highest interest charge per capital is the \$10.14 for Australia. That of the United States is only thirty-five cents per capita."

While Russia's interest charge per capita is comparatively small her actual and prospective wealth, and so her power of repaying is also small, and her credit is virtually exhausted. Financially, today, Russia is almost in the condition of the hibernating bear which must feed on its own fat. It is a condition which makes for peace, albeit the Bear must fight notwithstanding, or withdraw his paws from the borders of Corea.

MR. EMERSON'S TASK.

Political events in Canada will move more rapidly. Parliament is to meet on March 3rd, and this leaves only a little over six weeks in which to hold the by-elections.

New Brunswick is especially interested in the situation. Since the house is to meet there will, of course, be the same urgency for the selection of candidates all over the province, but Hon. Mr. Emerson, being now the provincial leader of his party, must of course get into closer touch with the various constituencies.

This is the second time he has succeeded Mr. Blair in the leadership—first, as premier of this province, and now as the representative of the province in the Dominion cabinet. In this second succession he assumes a far more difficult task and one of greater responsibility; for the course pursued by Mr. Blair, and the uncertainty and the period of delay before his successor's appointment was announced, have somewhat lessened the enthusiasm of the party. It is Mr. Emerson's task to prove, if he can, that the New Brunswick Liberal party under his leadership is not less

powerful and aggressive than the same party was under the leadership of Mr. Blair. It is no easy task. He is to meet parliament in six weeks, as minister of railways and canal, and that will require preparation. He is also expected to get the Liberal party of New Brunswick in organized fighting trim for the general election. He is thus confronted with very heavy demands upon his time and talents, even if he should not have to contest the county of Westmorland.

The Globe on Saturday evening indicated some of the tasks that await Mr. Emerson. It reminds him that Charlotte, Kings, Carleton, Sunbury and Northumberland were lost to the Liberals in the last federal election, while York was won by a narrow majority. The Globe does not invite Mr. Emerson to interest himself particularly in the situation in St. John, perhaps because it has an idea that if he will attend to the other constituencies there are gentlemen on Prince William street who can do as much for St. John.

CAMPAIGN ISSUES.

Mr. Borden and Mr. Tarte leave no one in doubt with regard to their attitude on the tariff question or preferential trade. They endorse the Chamberlain imperial programme, and also stand for protection in Canada. Speaking at Magog last week, Mr. Borden said: "If an appealing to Liberals and Conservatives alike and in proclaiming the same policy from British Columbia to Nova Scotia. That policy is protection."

Mr. Tarte spoke at the same meeting, and the correspondent of the Montreal Gazette quotes these sentences from his address:—

"And I am now, always, and always will be a protectionist. "We must build up a tariff wall to counteract the forty-nine per cent. tariff imposed by the United States against us. "I favor the Chamberlain policy. It would make us, if adopted, more and more Britishers. "The results of the next election will not be what they would be if free trade principles have proved a failure. "We must be independent in every way of the United States."

The fight between the two parties, therefore, will probably have the tariff as one of its chief issues, though of course the coming session of parliament. The Grand Trunk Pacific measure is not yet out of the woods, and the public will await with very deep interest the next announcement of the government policy relating thereto. The summoning of parliament changes the complexion of affairs and opens up new possibilities. It is not yet apparent why the premier decided to have another session, after having apparently convinced even his colleagues that the elections would be brought on almost immediately. The session is likely to be a lively one, for both parties will be anxious to supplement the campaign literature of last session with much more of the same kind. Doubtless the work of organization in the country will continue for some weeks yet, and the by-elections will furnish a battle ground prior to the transfer of the storm centre to Ottawa on March 3rd.

THE WINTER PORTS.

The Halifax papers of Friday and Saturday devote a great deal of space to reports of the meetings of the transportation commission, the members of which were shown over the harbor and presented with a great mass of information concerning the port, its trade, its grievances and aspirations. The speakers generally appear to have expressed pressure at the growth of the trade of St. John, but they naturally and properly devoted their attention chiefly to their own part. Before the commission adjourned, Mr. Bertrand made the following remarks, which will be as gratifying to St. John as to Halifax, inasmuch as he speaks with absolute assurance concerning the growth of trade at this port:—

"Regarding through traffic across the country you need not be alarmed. Halifax has Canada widened? She has waited a long time, and if you think you have not progressed as, say Boston has, take into consideration your geographical position. It is for us to grasp our opportunities, and if Halifax is the nearest open port to Great Britain and the Orient your development will come, and it will be natural. Halifax is on the main road to the Orient and along that line the development must take place. St. John will be of course do an enormous business. I can see, however, that in the near future business will come to Halifax. This is the only point of indication I can give you. I assure you your good city will get our best consideration."

TWO IMPORTANT TREATIES

The ratification of the treaties between China and the United States and China and Japan mean much to the world's commerce, inasmuch as they guarantee the open door in Manchuria, which Russia has so strenuously sought to control. By the American treaty two new localities in Manchuria are opened to foreign trade—the city of Mukden and the town of Antung (or Shao, as it is frequently called) on the Yalu river. It is to be noted in this connection that the Japanese and Chinese treaty treaties also to international trade the opening of the port of Tatung Kou, about thirteen miles below Antung, and at the mouth of the Yalu, and almost directly opposite the Corea port of Yungnampho. The Japanese treaty also provides for the opening of Ch-Angha-Fu, in the province of Hunan, in the central part of China. The net result, therefore, of the Japanese treaty is the immediate opening to foreign trade of two Chinese

ports not covered by the American treaty. Both treaties contain other provisions that will facilitate trade. Japan is granted important privileges in connection with the navigation of the inland waters of China. Another important concession is that described by the New York Journal of Commerce:—

In addition to the opening of the ports noted, Japan has obtained from China the very significant concession that in case of and after the complete withdrawal of the foreign troops stationed in the province of Chihli and of the legion guards, a place of international residence and trade in Peking shall be forthwith opened by the Chinese government. The treaty further provides that the Chinese authorities shall make the conditions under which this is to be effected. A place outside of the inner city is to be selected and set apart where merchants of all nationalities may reside and carry on trade. Within these limits they are to be at liberty to lease land, build houses and warehouses, and establish places of business. All the roads and bridges in this place are to be under the jurisdiction and control of China, but with the consent of the Chinese authorities they may establish a municipality and police of their own. This is frankly in opposition to the Russian policy which was declared the other day in the semi-official note issued from Washington and points, not remotely, to the possibility of establishing within the limits of an international settlement in Peking a foreign governed city not unlike that which has grown so so impressive a scale at Shanghai.

WHO WILL BE MAYOR?

Who is to be mayor of St. John during the term of 1904-5? It is not too soon to ask this question, inasmuch as the coming summer is expected to witness the greatest celebration in the history of the city. The chief magistrate at such a time should be exceptionally well qualified to perform the important duties that will devolve upon him. If we are to have the Chamberlain tercentenary, the annual meeting of the Royal Society of Canada, an Old Home Week, with British, American and French warships here, and the great number of distinguished visitors such a series of events would attract, the duties of the mayor will be many and important.

Mayor White, if it should be the desire of the citizens to give him a third term, and he should consent, would be well qualified, both by reason of ability and experience. If the choice is to fall upon some other, there is no lack of good material; but unless some thought is given to the subject by the citizens, the best result will not be achieved. The matter is of sufficient importance to commend itself to the attention of business men, who as a rule do not concern themselves very much with civic affairs, except to grumble at results which they might have prevented.

GRAND TRUNK PACIFIC.

The Telegraph's Montreal correspondent states that the opinion prevails there that the Grand Trunk Pacific Company would like to be rid of the eastern section of the line, meaning that from Quebec to Montreal. The government has been unfortunate in this whole affair, and the next move will be awaited with no little anxiety. It would be in the public interest to have the proposed modifications made known before the by-elections are held. Before appealing to his constituents in Westmorland, Mr. Emerson should be able to do so that they would know what effect the change may have on the whole project. The like is true of this constituency. We know that the late member for St. John thought of the original scheme, and the government candidate in the coming by-election will not only have to overcome the effect of Mr. Blair's speech but also discuss the effect of the proposed changes—whatever they are. It is assumed, of course, that there will be opposition in the by-elections. The assumption appears to be a reasonable one, in view of the recent activity of the Conservatives all over the country, and the confident tone of their orators and newspapers. If they have only been waiting for an opportunity they have it now.

NOTE AND COMMENT.

There is to be a session within a few weeks. Who is to be re-elected St. John?

The Halifax merchants asked the transportation commission to endeavor to induce the government to grant the C. P. R. running rights over the I. C. R.

If there is to be a by-election, St. John should soon know whether that dredging is to be done or not. Unless the knowledge comes very soon it will be too late to be of any service in providing ballots for next year.

It will interest New Brunswick tourists associations to know that more than 85,000 people from outside of the state of New York visited the Adirondacks last summer, and the summer visitors spent in that region alone nearly \$4,000,000.

Moncton Liberals will meet tonight to arrange for a reception to Mr. Emerson, elect delegates to the county convention, and elect officers for the ensuing year. Halifax Liberals will meet tomorrow evening to select candidates for the city and county.

The General Public Hospital management is on trial. The coroner has not yet elicited convincing evidence for or against the institution, but before the inquiry is finished the public is likely to get some striking idea as to the methods in vogue there.

An inspection of Montreal theatre has resulted in a report which calls for changes in the interest of public safety in all those places of amusement. An inspection of churches will also be made, doubtless to



HOW YOU CAN SAVE ON OVERCOATS IN OAK HALL'S CLEARANCE.

Every housekeeper knows that twice a year there comes a time of hurly-burly, when some things are sent to the garret and others to the cellar, and new things are brought in to brighten up the house. January is Oak Hall's house cleaning time—it doesn't send its winter clothing to the garret or the cellar to make ready for the reception of its spring clothing.

It sends hundreds of suits and overcoats out into the community by reducing the price considerably below the original figures, which in themselves were already twenty-five per cent. below others, and that's why you can get

- Overcoats others ask \$6.25 for we sell regularly at \$5.00, now \$3.85
- Overcoats others ask 7.50 for we sell regularly at 6.00, now 4.25
- Overcoats others ask 8.50 for we sell regularly at 7.00, now 5.25
- Overcoats others ask 10.00 for we sell regularly at 8.00, now 5.85
- Overcoats others ask 12.00 for we sell regularly at 10.00, now 7.50
- Overcoats others ask 15.00 for we sell regularly at 12.00, now 8.75
- Overcoats others ask 16.50 for we sell regularly at 13.50, now 9.50
- Overcoats others ask 18.00 for we sell regularly at 15.00, now 10.75

BOYS' CLOTHING—Better Values Than Ever.

Some, our spindly spandy best; all stylish and extremely well tailored. Good patterns and good cloths. Think of it. And there are weeks of cold weather ahead. Why, at the prices it will pay you to buy these and lay them away until next year.

- Boys' Two-Piece Suits, 6 to 12 years. \$1.25 Reduced from \$2.25, 2.50, 2.75, 3.00
- \$2.59 Reduced from \$3.50, 3.75, 4.00
- \$3.59 Reduced from \$4.50, 4.75, 5.00, 6.00
- Boys' Three-Piece Suits, 9 to 17 years. \$2.95 Reduced from \$3.50, 3.75, 4.00, 4.25
- \$3.95 Reduced from \$4.50, 5.00, 5.25, 5.50
- \$4.95 Reduced from \$6.00, 7.00, 8.00, 9.00
- Boys' Reefers. \$1.25 Reduced from \$1.50, 4 to 12 years. \$2.00 Reduced from \$2.50, 4 to 10 years. \$2.35 Reduced from \$3.00, 11 to 15 years. \$2.85 Reduced from \$3.75, 5 to 16 years. \$3.35 Reduced from \$4.50, 11 to 16 years.
- Boys' Russian and Fancy Overcoats. \$3.95 Reduced from \$4.50, 5.00. \$4.95 Reduced from \$6.00, 6.50, 7.00, 8.00

GREATER OAK HALL, KING STREET, COR. GERMAIN, ST. JOHN. SCOVIL BROS. & CO.

Advertisement for Steel Wire Hoop Ware, featuring an image of a wooden tub and a metal bucket. Text includes: "Ask for Steel Wire Hoop Ware. Made by THE E. B. BODY CO., and sold by all Grocers."

MORE MINERS ARRIVE. Party on the Lake Erie to Work in New Brunswick. Forty-five Practical Men for Kent and Queens Coal Fields—Families to Follow—Surveyor General Dunn Sees Very H. p. ful Outlook in Mineral Development.

Forty-five practical miners arrived on the steamer Lake Erie Monday and Monday evening left for New Brunswick mines to take up work. Nine of the number are Englishmen and they went to the Queens county mines; 36 are Belgians and have gone to the Beersville mine in Kent county. Every man carries a certificate showing him a practical mine workman.

WOMAN INJURED.

A Runaway Accident in North End Monday Afternoon.

Mrs. Erwin, daughter of Captain White, of the Millidgeville ferry, was severely injured late Monday afternoon. With her father she was driving down Main street and when nearing the corner of Mill street, the horse became frightened at an electric car. The sleigh was overturned and the occupants were thrown out. Captain White was practically unhurt, but Mrs. Erwin was hurled with great violence against a telegraph post, opposite S. Hawker's drug store.

Mrs. Manning—I wonder why Miss Sketcher always has such horrid looking characters in the papers. In a short time Dr. McAlpine will give assistance. Although no bones were broken, Mrs. Erwin sustained a bad bruising. She was conveyed in a coach to her home. The runaway horse was caught in the I. C. R. yard. The sleigh was shattered.

WANTED.

Chicago Theatre Horror!
A Chicago Theatre Horror!
The terrible death and desolation in the Chicago Theatre...

SHIP NEWS.

PORT OF ST. JOHN.
Arrived.
Thursday, Jan. 15.
Stmr Orinoco, 1530, Bala, from Demerara...

ST. JOHN MARKETS.

Practically no further changes have occurred since those noted last week...

CASTORIA

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The Kind You Have Always Bought, and which has been in use for over 30 years, has borne the signature of Dr. J. C. Williams...

The Rest Cure.

I'm sure that I can take the rest cure right here at home, Mrs. King said.
The doctor smiled. 'Try it, then, for a day or two, but if it isn't resting you, you must telegraph for Mr. King's sister to come and take care of you and you must go to the official rest cure.'

FOR SALE.

FORM FOR SALE—Good farm in Penobscot, formerly owned and occupied by the late Charles Anderson...

Choice Teas

In Bulk and Packages.
English Breakfast Tea, in 10 and 20 lb. boxes. Very fine for family trade.

BIRTHS.

HENNING—January 14, to Mr. and Mrs. J. Henning, a son.

MARRIAGES.

WILSON—On the 15th inst., at St. John, N. B., by Rev. J. C. Williams, the Rev. J. C. Williams, the Rev. J. C. Williams...

DEATHS.

ANDREWS—At the residence of his daughter, Mrs. H. H. Willoughby, Mary, wife of the late Mr. H. H. Andrews, died on December 13, 1903...

Cancer Treatment

Knows no other, in pain, there is a cure for Cancer. The cure is a permanent cure...

THIS SCHOOL HAS BEEN THE MAKING OF ME

In what a young man who has just graduated from Frederickton Business College.

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Accident Recorder the Oldest Publication in the Maritime Provinces.
The Accident Recorder enters today on its ninety-second year of publication...

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ASKED FOR ARREST

OF THE CAPTAIN.
Criminal Negligence Alleged in Clallam Wreck.
Would Not Half-mast Flag—Member of the Crew Testifies That Sailor Was Forbidden to Show Distress Signals.

SENT UP FOR TRIAL.

Wilson and Woods Charged With Stealing Coal.
In the police court Monday afternoon, Judge Ritchie sent up for trial George Wilson and John Woods, teamsters...

R. D. WILMOT NOMINATED

Conservative Convention for Queensbury Monday Afternoon.
R. D. Wilmot, M. P. for Queensbury, was Monday nominated at the Conservative-Conservative convention...

THEATRE BURNS, BUT IT WAS 'DARK' AT THE TIME

Findly, Ohio, Jan. 18.—The Turkey Opera House in this city was totally destroyed by fire today. The loss is estimated at \$100,000.

PERSONAL INTELLIGENCE.

Rev. F. O. Weeks, pastor of the Bethany Baptist church, Sydney, has resigned.
The following are from Saturday's Frederickton papers: 'Rev. A. H. Hayward, of Florenceville, is visiting at the Baptist parsonage, Gibson, Mayor Palmer has returned from a business trip to Boston...

