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## TACT IS NOT NEGATIVE.

Here is an Instance Where it Was Most Aggressive.

(Brooklyn Eagle.)  
"Assume a virtue if you have it not" was the injunction of the Bard of Avon, who could give pointers concerning human nature to any twentieth century student of sociology or any other ology. To the list of virtues that has come down through the ages this century adds the virtue of up-to-date-ness, for a woman at all events, no matter how liberally endowed as to the other virtues, must be up-to-date in her dress if she would win recognition and position in this age. When fashions change with lightning rapidity this is no easy task. Thus it is that it becomes necessary at times to assume this virtue, and a bright Brooklyn woman told a story the other day illustrative of her success in this direction on one occasion. She walked down the church aisle one Sunday morning wearing a five year old gown, but carrying her head so high that she attracted more attention than usual. "New," was the reply, "this dress is five years old." "Never would have guessed it from the lofty way you held your head going down the aisle," retorted the friend.  
"Um-m! That's a pointer," said the owner of the gown. "Hereafter when I do not want the age of my frock to be too apparent I'll carry my head extra high and folk will think I'm the most up-to-date mortal in the vicinity."

## SUSSEX WOMAN'S FLIGHT.

Mrs. Josephine Atwood Leaves Her Home For Fourth Time.

BOSTON, Mass., Mar. 8.—Mrs. Josephine Atwood, a Sussex woman, has disappeared from her home at 42 Wentworth street, Malden, for the fourth time within a year. She left suddenly today taking with her her three year old daughter Hazel. The last time Mrs. Atwood disappeared was January 6. That time she went to her old home in Sussex, where her father, William Connors, is a well to do farmer.

Information was received that she had gone to Sussex, Mr. Sherwood and Patrolman J. H. Alward, of Malden, went there after her. With the assistance of William McLeod, a Sussex constable, they succeeded in having her consent to come back. The husband signed an agreement that he would comply with all her requests if she would return.  
An intimate lady friend of Mrs. Atwood received a note this afternoon from her stating that she had decided to leave her home and go to Sussex, with the intention of not returning under any conditions. The husband has again notified the police and they may send after her again. The husband is J. C. Atwood, a native of Kings Co.

St. John, N. B., March 9, 1903.

## NEW SPRING CLOTHING.

We have just received and are now showing our new Spring Clothing for Men. The marked improvement in fit and finish combined with the neat and dressy patterns and EXCEPTIONALLY LOW PRICES, are being much admired.

MEN'S SPRING SUITS \$5, 6.00, 8.00, 8.50, 10.00 to 14.00.

MEN'S SPRING OVERCOATS—Dark grey, Chesterfield styles, full silk facings, very dressy. Prices \$7.50, 8.50 and 9.00.

You are invited to call and inspect these goods.

J. N. HARVEY, Tailoring and Clothing,  
166 Union Street, Opera House Block

## FREDERICTON.

Scott Act Cases—Dr. Seery's Estate—Personal Notes.

FREDERICTON, March 8.—On complaint of Rev. J. B. Daggett of Fredericton Junction, Colonel Alexander, stipendiary magistrate for Sunbury, tried three Scott Act cases yesterday. The prosecution was conducted by H. P. McLeod, and the defence by Messrs. R. W. McLellan and A. J. Gregory, K. C., appeared for the defendants. A conviction was secured in one case, while his honor took time to consider in the other two.

R. F. Randolph, of the firm of A. F. Randolph left last evening for Boston en route for England and the continent. Mr. Randolph will visit his mother and sisters who have been there for several months and will return in about two months.

Probate has been granted to R. W. McLellan and Miss Josephine Seery as executors of the last will and testament of the late Dr. P. J. Seery. The estate, valued at \$7,000, is left chiefly to relatives of deceased.

John McKee of Keswick Ridge, one of the most prominent men of York County, leaves in a few days for Manitoba and the Pacific coast on an extended trip to visit relatives and see the country. Miss McKee accompanies him.

Arrangements are being made to bring to the capital a detachment of the Woodstock Field Battery, to fire a salute on the occasion of the opening of the provincial parliament.

## SYDNEY TO BOOM.

Very Large Number of Houses to be Erected This Year.

(Sydney Post.)  
Sydney is on the eve of a big boom in building operations. Contractors all say that the coming season will be one of the busiest in their history. They have ever had. For several months past available lots of land have been secured by prospective builders in various sections of the city. The Rockdale and Shipyard districts will be the result that as soon as the weather permits, the erection of a very large number of buildings will be begun.

It is understood that strong pressure will be brought to bear upon the Cape Breton Electric Company to complete a circuit line to include the districts mentioned, in which event very valuable portions of these sections would be thrown open to intending purchasers, and which would in this way be brought within convenient reach of the business centre of the town.

In the business section of the town, a large number of handsome brick structures are to be built, so that before the end of the year Charlotte street, for instance, will present one solid front of brick buildings from at least Pitt street to Wentworth.

The operations to be carried on, on the outskirts of the town will include the erection of a large number of dwelling houses, at an average cost of about \$2,500. The designs of these will be of the most modern type.

In connection with the erection of all these buildings a very strict measure of inspection will be enforced. Tenants are now complaining of a new kind of man in which the new houses occupied by them have been constructed. Some of these houses, scarcely a year old, are already in a state of decay.

Building operations have been very steady during the winter season, quite a number of houses being built in different parts of the town. Contractors are now making up the summer's work, which as already stated is expected to be the busiest Sydney has had since the beginning of the boom era.

## FIRE AT CHESTER BASIN.

Two Stamp Mills Valued at \$15,000 Burned.

There was a big fire at Chester Basin, N. S., on Thursday evening and two valuable properties were destroyed, entailing a probable loss of \$15,000. A ten stamp gold mill and a five stamp mill were burned, the former being valued at \$10,000 and the latter at \$5,000. There had been no fires in the mill for over a year and it is a mystery how they ignited.

The fires are supposed to be of incendiary origin and the circumstances all point in that direction. The mills are situated some distance apart and it would have been impossible for the flames to have been communicated from one to the other. The fires in both places broke out about the same time and the mills were soon reduced to ashes.

The properties changed hands recently and a number of Halifax men were largely interested in them.

## THE WEATHER.

Highest temperature today, 42; lowest temperature, 40; temperature at noon, 41; barometer, reading at noon, 30.38 inches; wind at noon, direction N. E., velocity 16 miles per hour.

TORONTO, March 8.—Forecast—Fresh north and northerly winds clearing, and continued mild. Tuesday, fair and mild. Synopsis.—There is no cold weather and no high at present, but the weather promises to clear. The winds along the coast from New England to the Banks are likely to be fresh north to northeasterly.

## BARBADOES SMALLPOX.

The lieutenant-governor of Nova Scotia has the following telegram from Barbadoes:

"As vessels come to Barbadoes from your port please publish the fact that smallpox in epidemic form ended here. Few sporadic cases, mild type, occur intermittently and are strictly isolated."

## DEATH OF DANIEL MCGREGOR.

NEW GLASGOW, March 7.—Daniel McGregor, a well-known citizen of this town, passed away early yesterday morning. He was a native of this country, but until recent years he was actively engaged as a contractor and builder in railway enterprises in all parts of Canada. He was well known all over Eastern Nova Scotia.

## PROBATE COURT.

The probate court was occupied this morning with the proving in solemn form of the will of Elizabeth Harrison. The case continues this afternoon. Macrae and Sinclair appeared for the executor and C. N. and S. A. M. Skinner for Albert J. Harrison, who is contesting the will.

Hard coal, Scotch, \$8; American, \$8.50; Gibson & Co.

General sympathy is felt in the city today for James Osborne, of the C. P. R., and Mrs. Osborne, whose young daughter, Ruth, died this morning after a lingering illness. Mr. Osborne was not at home when the sad event occurred, but arrived this afternoon.

## OLD HOME WEEK

Strongly Advocated by the Nova Scotia Tourist Association.

Will Ask the Legislature to Aid in the Work—Interesting Addresses.

The annual meeting of the Nova Scotia Tourist Association was held in Halifax on Friday evening, the president I. C. Stewart, in the chair. His report showed that 20,000 booklets were distributed last year and much valuable advertising done. Illustrated lectures, like those provided for by the N. S. Tourist Association have also been a feature of the advertising work. One of the lecturers is Rev. Henry R. Rose, who also lectures on New Brunswick. Referring to Old Home Week the report said:

"What a delightful reunion it would be if all the men and women who have left Nova Scotia since 1880 could be brought back to their old homes to see the changes that have taken place. Perhaps some of them would decide to stay here. There is no doubt the province has greater attractions industrially at present than when many of them went away. The provincial labor market is by no means congested, and these returned Nova Scotians would bring with them an experience gained in a field where ingenuity and habits of industry are at a premium."

The association last year expended only a little over half as much as the New Brunswick association. J. E. DeWolf, president of the board of trade, in seconding the motion to adopt the report, highly commended the work of the association which should be generously supported, as the benefit resulting therefrom were for the advantage of the city and province at large. He thought something should be done to induce tourists to remain longer and instanced the need of beautifying the city, attractive decoration of the shops and greater courtesy to strangers on the part of clerks.

M. H. Goudge, M. L. C., who was called upon made a vigorous speech in which he heartily endorsed the efforts of the Nova Scotia Tourist Association, which was really doing nearly all that was done to attract tourists to Nova Scotia. The work of the members of the association was personally commendable and therefore all the more meritorious and deserving of public support. Everything possible should be done to make Nova Scotia as attractive as possible and Halifax as a summer resort has natural attractions surpassed by no city on the continent. He believed the association was entitled to government assistance and would gladly back up their requests in that respect.

LeBlanc, M. L. C., of Arichat, cordially endorsed the work of the association and expressed his pleasure at hearing what it had already accomplished. He referred to the scenic and other attractions in Cape Breton, and said if the association came before the legislature he would put his shoulder to the wheel.

W. D. R. Cameron, M. L. C., of Sherbrooke, was also glad to assist the movement. He spoke of the splendid attractions of the Eastern Shore for tourists and sportsmen, only railway communication and better steamship facilities being required to develop a large business.

Alex. McNeil, who is one of the most enthusiastic workers in the association made an exceedingly interesting and forcible address. He said that the Nova Scotia Association was doing the most important work that could be done. It was not only interesting people abroad in the natural loveliness and scenic attractions of Nova Scotia, but it was making the people of Nova Scotia themselves realize the scenic beauty and loveliness of their country. Mr. McNeil sketched the history of the Old Home movement and said the objects of the Tourist Association were, first, to have a reunion of those abroad and at home, and secondly to bring back the Nova Scotians who have gone to the United States to man our industries. These were the best class of men to carry on our industries. He believed they had a strong sentiment in favor of returning to their native land. He thought the case for government support was one which the government could hardly refuse.

Geo. S. Campbell said that valuable and full as the annual report was it gave a very inadequate idea of the work done by the association. The association attracts a large number of people who spend a great deal of money in the province and city. It should be impressed upon the business people that all should contribute, for all more or less are benefited thereby. The work heretofore has been carried on by means of voluntary contributions, but now that the special work of the Old Home Week was to be undertaken it was perfectly fair and right that assistance should be asked from the government.

G. E. Faulkner referred to the great value of the Tourist business. Formerly the summer was one of the dull seasons for merchants, but now the tourist traffic has so improved business that there is no dull season during the summer.

Dr. Slayter said the chief complaint made by tourists was the lack of amusements. We also lack proper guides, who could point out the points of interest.

The report was then adopted and the treasurer's statement presented showing an expenditure of \$1,022.22 and subscriptions of \$1,213.50. The balance on hand is \$235.51.

On motion of Mr. Campbell the following were elected as the new council: F. W. Bowes, Arthur Barnstead, J. E. Lambkin, W. E. Hebb, E. E. Boreham, W. R. McCurdy, Alex. McNeil, James B. Hattie, George E. Faulkner, F. S. West, I. C. Stewart, H. L. Chipman, C. R. Hoban, A. F. Macdonald, Alderman Macleith, John F. Taylor and J. F. Colwell.

Scribblers—Have you started to write your new novel yet? Scrivener—No, I've been too busy advertising the fact that 20,000 copies have been sold before publication.

## THE IRISH OUTLOOK.

Joseph Devlin M. P. Sees Happy Days Ahead.

CHICAGO, Ill., March 9.—Two thousand Irish-Americans gathered here last night to honor Joseph Devlin, M. P., and John F. Finerty, under the auspices of the John Dillon branch of the United Irish league. Mr. Devlin was greeted most enthusiastically and in an extended address discussed the land question in Ireland. In his speech he said:

"Within a few months the farmer of Ireland will be on a par with his brother on the continent or in your own adopted country. The fruits of his labor will be his own, and with his well known energy and his anxiety to show the world at large that he has ability to compare with those of any nation on earth, he ultimately will become a landowner himself and out of the mist which for centuries has covered the Emerald Isle will raise a nation at peace with all but catering to none." Mr. Finerty also spoke and was given a rousing reception.

## MACEDONIA.

The Revolutionists Have 60,000 Armed Men at Hand.

LONDON, March 8.—A despatch published in the Daily News from its special correspondent, says the Macedonian leaders are inclined to give the Austro-Russian reforms a trial if they are honestly and promptly put into operation, but he considers it doubtful if the leaders can prevent a revolutionary outbreak. The correspondent estimates that the Macedonians have 60,000 armed men at their call.

SOFIA, March 9.—Major General Paprikoff has sent in his resignation as minister of war because his colleagues refused his demand for a credit of \$1,600,000 for the purchase of war materials. Unless Prince Ferdinand accepts his resignation the whole cabinet will resign.

## THE DEATH ROLL.

The Original Uncle Tom Dies, Aged 111 Years.

TOLEDO, O., March 9.—Isaac Colton, a former prominent banker and railroad owner is dead at his home here. The deceased was prominently connected with the building of the Wabash and with the construction of railroads in New York and Massachusetts.

CHICAGO, March 9.—Norman Argo, said to have been the original Uncle Tom, is dead at Point Lick, at the reputed age of 111 years, says a despatch to the Tribune from Lancaster, Ky. Argo was born a slave and belonged to General Samuel Kennedy, a wealthy planter of Garrard county, and a former member of the Kentucky legislature. Mrs. Stowe found most of the matter for Uncle Tom's Cabin at the Kennedy plantation.

## EMPEROR WILLIAM.

BERLIN, March 9.—Emperor William received President Francis of the St. Louis exposition in audience at noon today.

COPENHAGEN, March 9.—With reference to the public meeting of the German emperor and the Duke of Cumberland at the beginning of next month it is stated that Emperor William will offer the Duke of Cumberland the Duchy of Brunswick-Luneburg, but will adhere to his former demand that the duke shall renounce his rights to the throne of Hanover. Hitherto the duke has refused to accept these conditions. The emperor is reported to be anxious for a reconciliation.

## THE POPE'S HEALTH.

ROME, March 8.—The pope this morning declared that he felt so well that he ought not to make those who had come a considerable distance to pay him homage wait, and accordingly, in spite of Dr. Laponi's advice, he received 5,000 pilgrims from Berlin, Vienna and Belgium, and bestowed his blessing on them. No speeches were made.

## DANGERS OF NAPTHA.

NEW YORK, March 8.—Nine lives were imperiled through the explosion of Naptha on board the sloop yacht Amphion today when she was on her way to the fishing banks. The fishermen were in the cabin smoking when the explosion occurred. Before they could get to the deck they were burned, one so badly that he will probably die.

## WIRELESS IN TRADE.

CHICAGO, March 8.—It is stated here that Armour & Co. have arranged for a test of the wireless telegraph as applied to communication between cities where they have packing plants and important offices. They now maintain leased telegraph wires west to St. Louis, Kansas City, Omaha and Sioux City, and east to Allegheny, Philadelphia, New York and Boston.

## A SIGNAL VICTORY.

PANAMA, March 8.—A cablegram from San Salvador states that the Honduran government forces, under the command of Gen. Esequiel Ferrera and Gen. Lopez, have been defeated at Talgua by the revolutionists supporting Senor Bonilla. Gen. Ferrera was killed and Gen. Lopez and his staff were taken prisoners.

The Artillery Band will meet for practice tonight. Full attendance requested. Business of importance.

Decoy ducks are the kind you encounter at some boarding houses.

Some men pay small debts for the purpose of contracting large ones.

Having a good time is the most strenuous undertaking a man can attempt.

There are a great many promising young men who never reach the paying stage.

It is reported that playing cards were originally square—and it is barely possible that card playing was also.

A search warrant is superfluous in the quest for happiness.

In society it is more blessed to be polite than to be truthful.

## REDUCTION

SALE  
OF FURS.

25 Per Cent. Discount on the balance of our Furs—Coats, Capes, Muffa, Boas, etc.

ANDERSON'S,

17 Charlotte Street.

MEN'S WATER-PROOF BOOTS.

Men's Long Oil Grain Boots, our own make, - \$3.75

Men's Driving Boots - 3.75

Men's Oil Grain, Bellow Tongue, Waterproof Boots, - 2.00

W. A. SINCLAIR,  
65 BRUSSELS ST.

DOCTORS APPRECIATE THE VALUE OF

Parks' Perfect EMULSION.

They know the GUAIACOL in it makes it many times a better Emulsion than any other on the market. . . .

Price 50c. a bottle. Large bottle, \$1.00.

## SPORTING NEWS.

FIELDER JONES.

NEW YORK, March 9.—President Ban Johnson, of the American league and President Charles Comiskey of the Chicago club, yesterday answered John McGraw's question as to whether Fielder Jones, of the Chicago club, would be retained by Chicago or would be allowed to go to the New York club, with which he has signed a contract for 1904 and 1905. "The agreement made at the Cincinnati conference," said Mr. Johnson, "was that all players with the American league should remain with that league, and that all men with the National should remain there. Fielder Jones is now under contract with the Chicago club and he will remain there under the terms of the peace agreement."

## FIRST IMPRESSIONS.

Of a Chinaman on Visiting the United States.

(From the Brooklyn Eagle.)

The Chinese friend whom I mentioned in this column the other day could write a volume of his "first impressions" of this country which, I dare say, would be as entertaining as many of those books which flitting visitors from Europe have superficially scribbled about us. Indeed, he has already written such a volume, but it is not likely ever to be published.

Several years ago he was one of the seventeen young men sent by the Chinese government to this country for education. He was the historian of the party, and from the little he has told me of what he wrote back home I judge there was many an amusing chapter in his "history." Yes, and something worthy of our serious thought behind the amusement.

For example, when he had ridden a few miles on a railroad traversing this continent he wrote: "The people of this country are so pious that they have erected crosses (the symbol of the Christian faith) only a few rods apart all along their lines of travel. In fact, those crosses are so close together that they are held up by wires stretched from one to another."

One more example: His train was crossing Iowa when it stopped between stations and the trainmen and many passengers went down to look at the nude body of an infant lodged in an eddy of a stream. The inquisitive Chinaman descended with the rest. When everybody returned to the train, leaving the body in the water, the "historian" wrote: "They drown their surplus female infants in America." Then, having told minutely what he had seen, he drew the conclusion: "When the trainmen found that the body was that of a female they went on, leaving it in the water. Had it been the body of a male child they would have given it Christian burial and inquired into the cause of death." The truth was that the engineer, seeing the body in the water, had stopped to ascertain whether life was extinct. Finding that it was and that the body was securely lodged among bushes in the eddy, he went on to the next station, where he reported the matter. Nobody had a legal right to remove the body until the coroner had viewed it.

When my Chinese friend had acquired sufficient knowledge of English to read some of the writings of American "historians" in China he found in them many statements quite as absurd as any he had made about our customs and habits.

Some men are bulls in the stock market and bears at home.







## SPECIAL SELLING OF

## Lace Curtains.

200 pairs of Lace Curtains, made of good strong double thread net, very latest designs, taped all round. Every pair bought for spring trade and marked at special quick selling prices. Note our price:

- 2½ yards long, 27 inches wide, 27c. pair.
- 2½ yards long, 30 inches wide, 33c. pair.
- 2½ yards long, 30 inches wide, 45c. pair.
- 3 yards long, 43 inches wide, 75c. pair.
- 3 yards long, 48 inches wide, \$1.00 pr.
- 3½ yards long, 54 inches wide, 1.00 pr.
- 3½ yards long, 50 inches wide, 1.00 pr.
- 3½ yards long, 48 inches wide, 1.25 pr.
- 3 1-2 yds. long, 54 inches wide, 1.75 pr.
- 3 1-2 yds. long, 54 inches wide, 2.00 pr.

The above are extra special value. If in need of Curtains, now is the time to buy, as you get a better selection than later in the season.

## E. O. PARSONS,

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## TO COUNTRY NEWSPAPERS AND PRINTING OFFICES.

Owing to the purchase and installation of new plant, the undersigned will, in a few weeks, have the following articles for sale:

- 5 Imposing Stones with Stands.
- 1 Staple Binder.
- 1 Card Cutter.
- 2 Job Presses.
- 1 Counter, with 6 drawers, walnut top, 9½ feet long.

SUN PRINTING COMPANY  
St. John, N. B.

## SPORTING NEWS.

THE RING.  
FITZ TALKS FIGHT.

Former Champion Bob Fitzsimmons is looking for a fight. Fitz says that he believes that he is just as strong as he was when he was one-and-twenty, and equally as clever. Bob also declared that all of the so-called middle-weight champions do not mean business, and was also positive that Tommy Ryan, Jack O'Brien, Marvin Hart, and others are not as anxious to fight him as they would have it appear.

"Some folks think," said Bob, "that I cannot get down to 158 pounds again, and be strong. Maybe Ryan is also of the opinion. Well I'll fool him as I have many others. I am no bigger to-day than when I met Jim Corbett at Carson City in 1897. I weighed 159 pounds in his 182 in that match. If I decided to fight Ryan at the middle-weight limit he would, I'll wager, crawl out of the bout and ring in a lot of other outlandish propositions. I understand that the International A. C. of Fort Erie, is ready to give us a purse of \$15,000 for a fight. Well, if this is a fact I have never heard of it except what I read through the papers.

"While on the road with Jeffries I offered Ryan \$250 to meet me in a four-round bout. He never showed up or notified me that he would or would not go on. I offered to stop him in four rounds. That would be a good test and would go a long way to prove that Ryan was sincere. Jack O'Brien may be honest about meeting me, but I guess he really doesn't want any of my game. As to Hart why didn't he show up in Louisville when we were there?"

"Will you meet Gus Ruhlin?" was asked. "Certainly," was the reply. "But does he really hanker after a match? I whipped him once before and I can do it again."

When told that the International A. C. of Fort Erie was prepared to give a purse of \$15,000 for the struggle Fitz curtly replied, "Well, I have not heard anything about it."

## YACHTING.

## KEEL OF SHAMROCK III.

Although the most strict precautions are taken to prevent information regarding the design of the new cup challenger from becoming public, the Associated Press learns from a reliable source that Designer Pife has taken a most desperate chance in introducing a revolutionary feature in the building of the Shamrock III, which if successful at all, will add 15 seconds to the

yacht's speed every time she goes about.

The fin-keel of the present challenger is to be only 20 feet long whereas 35 feet has heretofore been considered the shortest possible length of a keel. This means that the boat must be perfectly designed in order to balance the 135 feet of hull over this short mass of metal.

Mr. Pife considers the Columbia's success to have been due to this perfect balance. If the Shamrock III proves to be equally well proportioned her remarkably short keel will enable her to spin like a top every time she goes about.

This new feature is considered by competent judges to be the boldest sort of an experiment, but certain to provide a marvellously fast boat, if she will sail at all.

Don Littlejohn, the maritime boxing champion, who upheld his honor in such good shape in his bout with Jordan at Halifax last week, returned home on Saturday, and shows but little effect of his battle with the Bostonian.

## HOCKEY.

Ottawa Will Probably Win the Championship on Its Merits.

MONTREAL, March 8.—The Victoria and Ottawa played off the first game for the hockey championship Saturday night on soft ice. Local delays were numerous, taking three hours for sixty minutes actual play. The game ended in a tie, the score being one each. The second game will be played Wednesday night at Ottawa. The championship goes to the club winning the greatest number of goals, so the chances are that Ottawa will win the championship.

## BASEBALL.

O'Neill Goes to Milwaukee.

John "Tip" O'Neill, the star second baseman of the Rockies for several seasons past, has signed to play with Milwaukee this season, and is to report at Chicago on March 24th.

McLean to Play in New York.

It is understood that big Jack McLean, who caught last season for the Aleris, is to play in New York this season. McLean has signed a New York contract and will be tried out on the southern trip.

## PUNISHED FOR INDIFFERENCE.

(Scottish American.)

A Scotchman who lay dying in a New York hospital intimated to his doctor that he had a last request to make. "What is it?" enquired the doctor. "Just to hear a tune of the bagpipes," said the Scotchman. The doctor was a kindly man, and by his orders New York was searched high and low for a piper. The next morning on reaching the hospital he was informed that the mission had been successful, and the piper had awaged up and down the ward to the obvious joy of the sick Scotchman, who would to relate, had rallied so far that his case was now hopeful.

"Wonderful," exclaimed the physician. But at the moment the other patients did not care about it.

"No, doctor," was the reply, "they didn't and they're all dead."

Sillicus—"Everybody says he is a genius." Cynicus—"Then I guess he might be. It takes genius to convince other people that you are one."

## LOOKS LIKE TREACHERY.

Why the New Freeman Appeared as a Political Party Hack on Saturday.

The New Freeman came out flat-footed as a local government organ on Saturday. It not only attacked opposition candidates who are not Catholics, but it sought to misrepresent and belittle Messrs. McInerney and Agar, who were among the shareholders of the Freeman newspaper. The New Freeman's predecessor—and who are of the many influential Catholics who have subscribed for stock in the new enterprise. To say that the paper's attitude on Saturday caused a sensation in Catholic circles would be to state the case in the mildest way possible. The following statement made to the Sun by Thomas Kitchham, so long the president of the Freeman Publishing Company, will be read with much interest by people of all classes and creeds.

"Catholics of all shades of politics, and of both races, decided to establish the New Freeman. Pending the incorporation of the new company, Geo. V. McInerney and John L. Carleton became the trustees of the plant, good will, etc., of the old Freeman Company. They agreed between themselves, and with the old directors, who consented to assist them in any way possible until the new company was incorporated, to get the paper out on lines entirely independent of politics. Such a policy was announced in different issues of the new paper. While many who had interested themselves in the enterprise were far apart politically, it was felt that the Catholics of the province—both Irish and French—should have a first class English-speaking paper, of the kind that is independent of either the conservative or liberal party, or of the provincial government or opposition. When letters of incorporation were obtained, in a week or two from now, the intention was to put in a staff of paid writers, the hope of all being to make a paper that would be strong in tone, vigorous, without being offensive to any one, and an up-to-date paper in all respects. With the understanding with Messrs. McInerney and Carleton such as I have stated, you can realize to some extent what were the feelings of Catholics generally when they read Saturday's issue of the New Freeman. I do not wish to say anything harsh, but I feel it my duty to state publicly that John L. Carleton failed in the trust placed in him by his colleagues when he looked behind Mr. McInerney's back, he published in the New Freeman editorial paragraphs the most offensive and partisan that the most servile hack will take such paragraphs at their word. They represent only the personal views of John L. Carleton. Some months ago Mr. Blair, the minister of railways, sought to obtain control of the Freeman newspaper—obtained through a Catholic agent an option on a majority of the stock, and arranged for the payment of thousands of dollars so as to be able to have the paper do his bidding. His efforts in that direction failed when the purpose of the transfer became known. He was not permitted to buy a controlling interest in the Freeman. Saturday's number of the New Freeman, however, looks as though it was not impossible for Mr. Blair to buy the services of one of its temporary editors for at least one issue of the paper."

## HARMONY HALL.

Fellows Trueman and Carleton to Fight a Duel.

The expression of pained surprise on the comprehension of Fellow Trueman when he rose to speak, with a copy of the Freeman in his hand, was so extremely doleful that several Fellows of a sympathetic nature got their handkerchiefs out and prepared to wipe away his tears. His efforts in that direction failed when the purpose of the transfer became known. He was not permitted to buy a controlling interest in the Freeman. Saturday's number of the New Freeman, however, looks as though it was not impossible for Mr. Blair to buy the services of one of its temporary editors for at least one issue of the paper."

Fellow Trueman paused, adjusted his glasses with judicial care, placed his index finger on the lower right-hand corner of the front page of the Freeman, fixed his mournful yet glittering eye on Fellow Carleton, and then resumed:

"But, Mr. President, what do I find? In this non-political journal, edited as I believe by a member of this order, and when I am led to believe has a very considerable opinion of his own gifts as an orator—in this paper I find the following reference to myself:

"The trouble with Mr. Trueman is that he is young and very inexperienced and has much to learn about public speaking—not only what not to say, but how to say what he has to say. In his public utterances he uses such involved sentences and weights them down with such a ponderosity of language that the meaning is obscured and frequently lost. He therefore cannot find fault if he is misunderstood."

Fellow Trueman read this very slowly and with frequent pauses, emphasizing many words, and fixing Fellow Carleton with a resentful eye at every pause. When he had finished he threw down the paper with a gesture of scorn and wheeled on the President.

"What do you think of that, sir?" he demanded.

"I am bound to say," said the President, "that the criticism is exceedingly frank, and in my opinion somewhat ill-judged."

"It's what I'd call a very cold crack," muttered a back-bencher. "It's almost as bad as to be turned down in favor of Lantulum," said another.

Fellow Carleton stroked his beard and said nothing. His impassive face seemed to irritate Fellow Trueman.

"The atrocious crime of being a young man," he began, "which—"

"Pardon me," said Fellow Carleton with much politeness, "but that remark is not original. It is in the school books."

"The thirty cent books or the sixty cent ones?" queried a back-bencher.

"In both," said Fellow Carleton. "Also in Every Man His Own Orator,

of which I may say I have some knowledge."

"But I am a young man," mildly protested Fellow Trueman.

"Why don't you raise whiskers?" called out a back-bencher.

"Because he has got good sense," cried Fellow Lantulum, glaring at Fellow Carleton.

"Say," muttered a back-bencher in an undertone to his neighbor. "He's sour on the Freeman, too, because it nominated Sweeney for Moncton for the government."

"They're a nice crowd," rejoined the neighbor. "The minute they're done fighting the opposition they're at one another, hammer and tongs."

"What I want to know," said Fellow Trueman, "is whether I am to be thus held up to ridicule before the eyes of the Tories by a member of this order?"

"I think," said the President, "that this would be a good time to adjourn."

His suggestion was adopted, but Fellows Trueman and Carleton got together for a moment in the general mix-up of departures, and agreed to meet in three days and fight a duel to the death with dictionaries—two-price dictionaries, printed in Toronto.

## SUNDAY MORNING FIRE.

The H. P. Robertson fish curing establishment on Britain street was very badly scorched by fire early Sunday morning. Over one-half of the buildings were totally destroyed, together with practically the entire stock. The loss to Messrs. Robertson will be severe, the insurance being but small. The buildings were insured for two thousand dollars, while there was only between one and two thousand on the stock.

The fire started in the smoking house and was not discovered until the flames burst through the roof, when Pilot Richard Scott rang in the alarm. It was just 6:25 o'clock when the hook was pulled, the apparatus responding promptly. Chief Kerr at once realized the seriousness of the fire and sent in a second alarm without delay. In a short time four engines and four hose companies were hard at work.

The buildings run the entire length of the wharf, with a gap of about ten feet or so about half-way down. In the lower section, or on the water front, were situated the smoke houses, the curing house, salt house and office. This section was entirely destroyed. The firemen after a hard fight succeeded in stopping the blaze at the gap between the two sections, thus saving the big ice house, barns, and the dwelling that faces on the street.

One of Leonard Bros' buildings to the west of the Robertson premises was slightly damaged.

The fire raged fiercely for some hours and attracted quite a large crowd.

The insurance on the premises is held by the Anglo-American and Atlas Ins. Co's.

## SEAMEN'S MISSION.

An interesting meeting was held at the Seamen's Mission on Saturday evening, when Ritchie Bell, the singing evangelist, and manager of the Seamen's Home, Montreal, met a number of ladies and gentlemen interested in the sailors coming to our port.

He stated that although the port of Montreal was only open about seven months of the year, yet an excellent work was done for a very large number of sailors. The captain down to the humblest sailor who came in the steamships to that city. The first man to take an interest in sailors in our port was Father Osgood, about sixty years ago. At his death the Y. M. C. A. took up the work. Then about forty years ago J. P. Clarke commenced the work in earnest. He was really the founder of our present sailors' home.

At his death I was called to the work at the early age of 23 years. I immediately visited all the principal seamen's institutions in the United States and Great Britain, which formed the basis of my work. One of the great secrets of our work is the support we have in the leading steamship owners and merchants of our city. From the president down are gentlemen of this class and they believe in the work and support the Seamen's Mission. They should be responsible to a certain degree in the sailor socially and religiously.

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On the fifth story we have six cots furnished in case of emergency for our sailor boys.

A standing unanimous vote of thanks was tendered Mr. Bell, and all wished him God-speed in his noble work.

## NEWFOUNDLAND.

ST. JOHN'S, Nfld., March 8.—The steamer Ulunda arrived here this evening from Liverpool, after a 21 days' crossing. She reported having met with hurricane weather.

The sealing steamer Algerine, bound for the seal fishery in the Gulf of St. Lawrence, was caught in an ice floe and driven on a reef near St. Pierre, Mi. She was lightened by throwing overboard a quantity of coal and refloated. There is considerable ice about the Grand Banks, and the ice fields are extending towards the coast.

MONTREAL, March 8.—Hon. Geo. A. Cox of Toronto has purchased the Temple building on St. James street, the price being \$275,000. It was the property of St. James' Methodist Church, but that body will benefit but little by the sale, the Standard Life Insurance holding a mortgage on it of \$250,000. The building was originally erected in hope that it would sustain the big church. Instead of doing so, it was a white elephant.

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## OTTAWA NEWS.

Cabinet Will Call for Faster Atlantic Service.

OTTAWA, March 8.—Justice Burdidge delivered judgment yesterday in an appeal from the Nova Scotia admiralty district between David Wallace, appellant, and Alexander Bain, respondent. The appellant was the owner of a large registered at Cleveland, Ohio, which was under charter to the Atlantic Transportation Co. She was proceeding on a voyage from the upper lakes via the St. Lawrence to New York, under tow, when she was obliged to put into the port of Hawkesbury, N. S. There she obtained certain repairs and supplies, and proceeded on her voyage as far as Shelburne, N. S., where she was arrested by the party supplying the necessities at Port Hawkesbury.

There was a conflict of testimony at the trial, but Judge Burdidge held in favor of the respondent. The respondent was supplied on the credit of the ship or on the credit of the charterers. The trial judge took the former view and found the fact accordingly. He gave judgment against the ship with costs. The exchequer court reversed that judgment, but Judge Burdidge holding upon the facts that the ship was not liable, allowed appeal with costs against the respondent.

The cabinet yesterday decided to call for tenders for a faster service across the Atlantic to the old country. Steamship companies were invited to submit offers on a service of 15 and 21 knots respectively. It is reported that the contract with the Allans will be renewed for mail service for another year.

Sir C. H. Tupper has arrived for the session. J. M. Courtney, deputy minister of finance; Geo. Burns, general manager of the Bank of Ottawa, and A. L. Kent, chartered accountant, of Montreal, have been chosen commissioners to inquire as to the circumstances connected with the recent defalcation in the department of militia, and also into the methods of keeping the accounts in the several departments of the government with a view to ascertaining whether any additional guards can be inserted for better protection of the public interests.

Returns of Canada for the eighth month of the current fiscal year up to the end of February has been \$41,103,486 and the expenditure \$36,566,797. Added to this there has been an outlay on capital account of \$5,459,916. The result is a surplus of \$4,636,689. A half million of the corresponding period of last year, while the ordinary expenditure has grown nearly half a million.

A strong provisional board of directors has been selected for the Grand Trunk Pacific project. It includes Senators Geo. A. Cox and Wm. Gihson, Lt. Col. H. Pelat and Hon. S. C. Wood (Toronto), John R. Booth and Wm. Wainwright of the Grand Trunk. The capitalization of the proposed road is \$75,000,000, and headquarters will be in the city of Montreal. It is said the promoters have reached an understanding with the Ontario government to operate the line now under construction from North Bay to head of Lake Temiskaming, and to commence construction on its transcontinental line at the latter point. The new road will parallel the C. P. R. to Winnipeg, but at a considerable distance north. From Winnipeg it will run northwesterly to the Rockies. It has not been decided whether Yellow Head or Peace River Pass will be used to the coast. The Peace River presents the best features, the altitude being only 1,500 feet as against 3,750 in the Yellow Head.

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## FRATERNAL VISIT.

On Saturday evening the members of Alexandra Temple of Honor and Temperance paid a fraternal visit to St. George's Division, No. 333, Sons of Temperance, who were in session at the time.

was spent, A. J. Armstrong, the grand scribe, occupied the chair and welcomed the visiting lodge in happy terms, which brought a reply from Mr. Gallop, the W. C. T. of Alexandra Temple, after which the following programme was carried out: Speech, Mr. Bonish; duet, Sisters Brown and Akery; musical selection, James Patterson; recitation, Mrs. Armstrong; speech, Bro. Lingley; solo, Bro. McDonald; speech, Bro. Eastley; solo, Bro. Jas. Sullivan; speech, Bro. Geo. Blavett; instrumental solo, Mrs. Cunningham; recitation, Sister Johnston; piano solo, Sister Peck; solo, F. Leeman. Refreshments were served by a committee of ladies from St. George's Division. The meeting closed by singing the national anthem.

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## AN ABSURD INQUIRY.

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"When was she married, then?"

"She isn't married."

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"Then she must be a spinster."

"Not at all. She keeps house with two other girls in a cozy little flat."

"What difference does that make?"

"Well, of course, it's possible for a girl to be a bachelor maid without that, but it's that that makes it absolutely certain. You never heard of spinsters doing anything like that."

"Then a bachelor maid isn't a spinster?"

"Oh, at the present time she may be one technically, for there's been hardly time to change the dictionary; but she doesn't admit it."

"Suppose the public refused to accept her chosen designation and insisted upon calling her spinster and later old maid—what then?"

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## LIBEL ACTION AT CALAIS.

CALAIS, March 7.—The sensation of the week was created on Thursday evening by the publication in the Frontier Daily News edited by Clarence Spooner, of a six line item which was the most explicit "insinuation" which has appeared in the columns of a newspaper since the painful days of the "Honor and Glory" Hornet. As a result of the item the editor is in temporary exile across the border, and the city marshal is carrying around with him a warrant for the arrest of the editor in question, charging him with criminal libel, the warrant having been sworn out by R. J. McGarrigle, city solicitor, who feels that he has been slandered by the publication of the said item.

For some time past considerable ill-feeling has existed between the editor of the News and the city solicitor, the former claiming that the latter has treated him unfairly and has injured his business for no cause whatever, and in a moment of indignation the knight of the pen wrote the item which resulted in the action above noted. Editor Spooner, who is a comparative stranger in the city, went over to St. Stephen about 10 o'clock Friday forenoon, and shortly afterwards Marshal Crossman appeared at the office of the Frontier News with a warrant for his arrest. The friends of Mr. Spooner feel confident that he will return to fight the charges against him, and that he merely crossed the border to avoid the necessity of being in the lock-up to await the return of friends who could be relied upon to go his bail, pending the session of the supreme judicial court in April, to which the case will be carried, the magnitude of the case placing it beyond the jurisdiction of the municipal court.



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The C. P. R. and I. C. R. officers were honored this morning by a visit from a native of Prince Edward Island, who is not without fame in his own country. The man was John Hogan and he wants to get back to the old job driving cows on one of Mr. Dempster's boats.

"What Mr. Dempster is that?" asked the C. P. R. agent.

"Mr. Dempster, the man what runs the boats. An' I got back here a week ago, but they won't send me home. The man says he has no derangements with the capes but he will give me a ticket by Pictou an' I can pay me board there till the ice melts. But I have no money an' I want some breakfast. What's me name?" Hogan-John Hogan—here a broad smile overspread the wanderer's unshaven countenance but the boys called him Pokey Joe for short. Haven't any money an' I want a cup of tea an' some bread. Boose? No thanks, I never drink in me life an' I don't want none now—jest some hot tea and bread. But can't you give me a ticket to me home? No! Well, I'll jest have to walk to Moncton. Good bye—what's that? Money? God bless you mister, good day."

Mr. Hogan was last seen making tracks for a Charlotte street restaurant.

**FOR BIBLICAL STUDY.**  
A society has been formed by members of St. John's (stone) church to meet once a week for Biblical study. A very interesting and instructive meeting was held for that purpose at the home of W. M. Jarvis on Saturday night. There were present W. M. Jarvis, A. H. Harrison, Edwin L. Perkins, Thomas Millidge, Dr. W. P. Dole, Geo. E. Fairweather, Joseph Finlay, W. Carter, Frank O. Allison, Frank R. Fairweather and Edward Manning. The next meeting will be held on Saturday evening at Joseph Finlay's.

**THIS EVENING.**  
Lecture by Rev. W. T. D. Moss of Pictou, before St. Stephen's Church Guild.  
Harris Festival Chorus rehearsal in C. of E. Institute.  
J. Ritchie Bell's farewell evangelistic services in Exmouth street Methodist church.  
Lecture by Rev. Silas Alward before Unity Club.

**TORONTO, March 8.**—The News' London cable says: Charles R. Devlin, nationalist candidate for Galway, reached Galway yesterday and began a vigorous campaign of the electorate. The rumor that another nationalist candidate is possible does not seem at all likely to eventuate.

## NOTICE TO ADVERTISERS.

Advertisers must send in copy before 9.30 a. m. to insure insertion that day. It would greatly favor the Star if the copy could be sent in during the afternoon prior to its publication.

## LOCAL NEWS.

The Boston train was on time today and the Montreal train forty minutes late.

McLean, the last smallpox patient at the isolation hospital, will be released tomorrow morning.

The Elder-Dempster liner Lake Ontario is due here today with over one thousand passengers.

S. D. Scott, editor of the Sun, will lecture this evening before Centenary Methodist Epworth League on Some Canadian Authors.

Rev. F. H. Beales, formerly of Digby, N. S., preached in Brussels Street Baptist church yesterday and will continue to supply there for several weeks.

In the elementary course in the Natural History Society, short talks will be given on Tuesday evening by William McIntosh on "Exotic Ferns," and by A. Gordon Leavitt on "Birds."

The Rev. A. G. H. Dicker will deliver a lecture on Church Music on Tuesday evening at St. John's schoolhouse, in the course of theological lectures. Musical illustrations will be furnished by members of St. Paul's choir.

The Historical Society will meet in the House of Assembly on Tuesday evening by kind permission of the members and Mr. Speaker, D. R. Jack, will read a paper on "Early Periodicals in the Maritime Provinces." The galleries will be open to the public.—Halifax Acadian Recorder.

This morning sixty young men began an energetic canvass for the early completion of the Y. M. C. A. building fund. Each man has been furnished with a list of thirty people, whom he is to see. It is hoped that the remaining \$3,000 necessary before building can be begun will be raised within a few weeks.

**METHODIST MINISTERS MEET.**  
The Methodist ministers met at the usual time and place, Rev. C. Comben presiding. After singing and scripture reading Rev. Mr. Deinstadt led in prayer. There were present Revs. G. M. Campbell, T. J. Deinstadt, S. G. H. Penna, W. Hamilton, Dr. Wilson, W. J. Kirby, D. H. Mary, C. Comben and J. Ritchie Bell, evangelist.

The reports of churches for two Sundays were rendered, reporting usual exchanges of pulpits. It is generally regretted that Rev. Dr. Sprague was unable to fill the Queen Square pulpit on account of illness.

The missionary anniversary in Centenary church Sunday week will result in raising \$1,000 for missions and the emergency fund, which is a large increase over the past year.

A very interesting and profitable discussion ensued upon the subject of evangelistic work and the relation of children to the kingdom and the church of God.

J. Ritchie Bell addressed the meeting very interestingly on the general question, referring to decisions, and the general question of amusements. The meeting adjourned with the benediction by Mr. Bell.

**THIEVES ON BROADVIEW BEACH.**

The bathing houses on Broadview Beach have not escaped scot free from the vandals and thieves who have been operating in Lower Cove during the past winter.

Locks have been forced in the four houses of cleanliness on the beach and in some instances doors have been broken. The bathing house built by the Rev. W. C. Gaynor, Joseph J. Porter and others has been entered, but nothing of any consequence removed. J. J. Donohoe, John T. Power's and the other bathing houses were also entered, but strange to say, the thieves were scrupulous enough to allow the towels and soap to remain in their accustomed places.

The work of breaking and entering has evidently been that of a gang of young men or hoodlums seeking sequestered winter quarters for a club room.

**HORSE HURT.**

One of David Watson's cab horses became frightened at the station at noon today and plunging ahead got badly mixed up with the hind wheels of another cab. So inextricably was it jammed in between the wheel and the box of the cab that it seemed impossible to rescue the struggling animal before it had fatally injured itself. The release was finally effected by the removal of the wheel, which was accomplished with great difficulty. The horse was, apparently, little the worse.

**A DOUBLE BEREAVEMENT.**

The Star on Saturday announced the death of Dora Seely, daughter of Percy B. Seely, of South Branch, Sunbury county, which occurred on Friday. This family has suffered a double affliction, for on Saturday evening Mrs. Ada M. Seely, wife of Wilfred Seely, and daughter-in-law of Percy B. Seely died of consumption. The funeral of Dora, the child, was held yesterday, and that of Mrs. Seely will take place tomorrow.

**REV. FR. GAYNOR'S CONDITION.**

The public in general and the many friends in particular of the Rev. W. C. Gaynor will be pleased to learn that the reverend gentleman's condition is greatly improved.

The Rev. Mr. Gaynor, although somewhat weak, is quite convalescent from the effects of la grippe, and is on a fair way to full recovery.

**JUBILEE SINGERS AT YORK.**

A rich musical treat is in store for the citizens by the appearance of the Famous Canadian Jubilee Singers and Imperial Orchestra, which is booked for the York Theatre beginning Saturday evening next, March 14th. The aggregation is one of the best travelling, and is highly indorsed by pulpit and press. An evening of rare musical talent is promised.

**NO SERVICE YET.**

At the last meeting of the Evangelical Alliance it was decided to take some action in regard to holding Sunday services in the jail. Service is not yet held.

## COMMON COUNCIL.

Reports and Communications Presented This Afternoon.

At the regular monthly meeting of the common council this afternoon the North End Free Public Library commissioners submitted a financial statement showing receipts from various sources during the past year amounting to \$806.42, and expenditure \$751.46, leaving a balance of \$54.96 to the library's credit.

A communication was received from John McConnell complaining of a leak in the main on Somerset street, which is causing an overflow of water on his lot. He demands damages for injury already done.

The council were notified that Robert J. Robertson and Fred Deig had been elected members of No. 1 Salvage Corps.

George Traflet applies for a lease of a lot on St. James street, West End, for building purposes.

A petition was received from the members of the firm companies on the West Side asking to be put on the same footing as the city companies. At present they receive less pay.

John Knox, of Silver Falls, presented an incoherent sort of complaint regarding the bridge there. He appears to advocate the erection of another bridge in another place, where the rush of water and ice is not so dangerous. The place he recommends is "right opposite Goslyn pig factory."

**PERSONAL.**

Hon. H. R. Emmerson was in the city today on his way home from Philadelphia. He will leave Dorchester in a few days for Ottawa.

Alfred Burchill, of Fredericton, is in the city.

Joseph K. Dunlop, the well known shipbuilder, is critically ill at his home on Coburg street. His son Joseph is home from the west.

Robert Connolly of Great Salmon River was in the city last evening.

E. Hutchison and daughter, of Chatham, arrived in the city last evening, having come from Halifax, where they disembarked from the steamer Tunisian.

They have been on an extended tour of Great Britain and the continent. They were met by Mrs. Hutchison at the Royal Hotel.

Dr. and Mrs. Marvin, of Hillsboro, are the guests of Dr. and Mrs. Melvin, Sydney street. They leave today for Stratford, Ont., for a short visit.

A letter from W. S. Fisher, who reached New York on Friday, states that he met Miss Thompson, who had learned that she had delivered a illustrated lectures on New Brunswick to large audiences.

The staff of the Bank of New Brunswick presented to H. E. Hall a silver mounted cane on Friday. Mr. Hall will leave for Ottawa this afternoon.

Mrs. Robert Thomson will go to Ottawa today to attend a meeting of the executive of the Women's Council. Mrs. J. de W. Spurr will leave today for Moncton to accompany her niece, Miss Emmerson, to Ottawa. They will spend several weeks at the capital.

Robert Randolph, of Fredericton, has started on a three months' visit to England and the continent. He will meet his mother and sister in England.

Mrs. Cudlip, of St. John, is visiting in Fredericton, the guest of her sister, Mrs. D. Lee Babbitt.

Miss Delancy Robinson, who has been visiting friends in St. John, has returned to Fredericton.

Miss Eva Kierstead is visiting her aunt, Mrs. Davis, in Amherst, N. S.

**GOING WEST.**

J. W. deB. Farris, who entered upon the practice of law in this city a few months ago, has decided to try his luck in the wider and faster growing field of the Canadian west.

He leaves this week for a short visit to his parents, Hon. and Mrs. L. P. Farris, at White's Cove, and in a couple of weeks expects to leave for Regina, N. W. T. Mr. Farris takes with him scholarships and unusual ability, a worker and speaker. His friends will look for his early success in the new country.

**THE ROCKAWAY CLUB.**

The Rockaway Beach Club held their annual meeting on Friday evening. There are now sixty members in the club, which is in a very flourishing condition. It has been found that some boys broke into the club house and did some damage and the question of prosecution was under discussion at Friday night's meeting. W. A. Pattison is the new president of the club.

**TOURIST LECTURES.**

A letter from W. S. Fisher, who arrived in New York on Friday, states that while in Boston he met Miss Tenney and learned that she had delivered six lectures on New Brunswick before large audiences. He expected to hear Rev. Mr. Rose deliver one of his lectures at Newark, N. J., this evening. Mr. Fisher says the weather in New York now is delightful.

**SMALLPOX.**

There are three cases of smallpox in the family of Basil Grodine at Kingsclear, York Co., and one case in the family of Louis Goodine, of the same place. The disease is supposed to have been brought from the Maine lumber woods. Doctor Mullin, chairman of the board of health, visited Kingsclear Saturday and placed both houses under quarantine.

**ILL IN THE WEST.**

E. Littler, the Charlotte street confectioner, is seriously ill with typhoid pneumonia in the hospital at Kingston, Ont. Mr. Littler, who represents the manufacturers of Lowney's chocolates, was in Ontario on a business trip when he was taken ill. Reports received of his condition are by no means encouraging.

**ROYAL ARCANUM.**

At the meeting of St. John Council, 133, Royal Arcanum, which takes place on Tuesday, 10th inst., there will be a lively discussion on the merits or demerits of a Grand Council being organized for the Maritime Provinces. All members of the order are invited to attend.

**WEST INDIA LINE.**

The Dahome left Bermuda on Sunday morning at 8 o'clock for this port, where she will be due to arrive on Thursday.

President Loubet of the French republic, has been a keen musician all his life. When a boy he was member of the village band.

Lord Kitchener is learning Urdu, a composite tongue which makes one familiar with the sentiments of Sepoys.

When a fellow goes out for a lark he also manages to take in a few swallows.

## YORK THEATRE.

York Theatre to be Made the Largest Playhouse in the City.

R. J. Armstrong will this year carry out plans he has been maturing for some time, and which will make the York Theatre the largest place of entertainment in the city. It will involve squaring the roof, taking out the present false ceiling and giving about fifteen feet more altitude to the auditorium; extending the present rear gallery back to the street line and throwing it into one balcony; building a gallery above one rear of the balcony; extending the stage out about twelve feet; making the centre aisle on the main floor extend clear down to the stage, altering the seats near the side walls so that an aisle will extend all around the wall for standing room; altering the entrance so that there will be two side entrances instead of the present steep stairway; throwing the present side rooms at the entrance into a large lobby; and in general reconstructing the York so that it will be a thoroughly equipped modern playhouse with seating capacity for about fourteen hundred, or considerably more than the Opera House will accommodate.

Mr. Armstrong estimates the cost of the improvements at about \$250. The task is not nearly so difficult as it might appear, and when completed the new York will be a very attractive theatre, fitted to accommodate the best companies that come this way. As the enterer to the amusement loving public Mr. Armstrong holds that his interests and those of his patrons are identical, and he wants to be in a position to give the best possible service.

**POLICE COURT.**

Unlucky Thirteen Took Their Medicine This Morning.

In the minds of some people there is a superstition that thirteen is an unlucky number. Proof of this was given in the police court this morning. The rakings of Saturday night and Sunday morning in single file and sat down. Then they counted themselves and there were thirteen. The superstitious shuddered. Some bad luck was bound to happen, and strangely enough, it did.

The magistrate came in. He called out the names and whatever doubt may have remained as to which of the crowd was the victim of fate was soon dispelled. "The whole thirteen got off. Eleven of them for being drunk were fined the usual Monday morning eight and two fighters were given the usual dose.

**A MILLINERY HINT.**

The wholesale millinery openings in this city take place on March 25th and 26th. It will be found that hat shapes are generally large and very flat again this season. Natural and burnt straw, or champagne, will be adding materials with Milan and chips for the more expensive hats. Large turbans and double crown flat hats will be popular.

Fruits will be a very prominent feature in trimmings, the leaders being grapes, cherries, and holly berries. Foliage and flowers will also be abundant, some hats being made entirely of flowers, the leaders being geraniums, poppies, violets and cornflowers.

**THE GYPSIES DEPART.**

The Gypsies, who for the past week have occupied a vacant lot near the York Cotton mill, started this morning for Montreal. Yesterday was spent in preparation for the exodus, and this forenoon they trekked.

This is the first band to visit St. John since last summer, and the members of it were quite interesting in their way. Seven families, consisting of thirty-five persons, composed the party and they lived in eight covered wagons, not unlike the prairie schooners of former days. The wagons, as usual, decorated by numbers of pots and pans, and behind almost every one were one or two led horses.

**THE UNION BANK.**

Inspector Strickland, of the Union Bank of Halifax, was in the city on Saturday installing the branch of his bank which is to open for business here. Until the quarters which are to be occupied in the Bank of Montreal building are available, the office of the Union Bank will be in the premises occupied by A. Wellesley Peters, of the Standard Insurance Co., Prince William street. Norman R. Burroughs, of Yarmouth, is to be the manager of the St. John branch.

The St. John branch of the Union Bank of Halifax will open for business on or about the 16th of March at 156 Prince William street.

**OVER 700 IMMIGRANTS.**

Two large trainloads of immigrants from the Allan liner Tunisian, at Halifax, passed through the city between eight and nine o'clock this morning. The train here ten cars and all those on board were English speaking people, as fine looking a lot of immigrants as have been here for some time. On the second train a large percentage were from England or Scotland, but among them were some from Sweden, Norway, Poland, and Germany. There were in all over seven hundred on the two trains and they stopped here for breakfast.

**FAREWELL TO HARRY WRIGHT.**

Harry Wright, head grinder for the Robertson's Saw Works, severed his connection with the firm. Saturday, Mr. Bowman, with a few chosen remarks, on behalf of his fellow workers, presented Mr. Wright with a pipe. Mr. Wright was entirely taken by surprise, but replied thanking the men. He left the same evening by the Boston Express for Bristol, Conn., where he has secured a more lucrative position.

**A RUSH OF FREIGHT.**

Sunday is always the best day for freight moving and the C. P. R. as on account of the absence of passenger trains the track is left clear. Yesterday was a record day on the road and no less than two hundred and four carloads of freight were sent east from Megantic. This would be equal to at least three hundred carloads of the capacity in use in previous years. Megantic was cleared of freight yesterday for the first time this season.

**GRAND ICE MASQUE WEDNESDAY.**

Owing to the rainstorm and continued mild weather the Grand Ice Masque in Victoria Bink will be held on Wednesday evening. The ice at present is in as good condition as it is hoped it will be Wednesday.

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## LETTERS FROM THE PEOPLE.

SEAMEN'S MISSION PLANS.

ST. JOHN, N. B., March 7, 1903.

To the Editor of the Star:  
Sir,—Will you kindly allow me sufficient space in your valuable paper to present a brief outline of my plans for the future of the Seamen's Mission Society in the port of St. John?

No, laying aside business men, I am told, have heretofore withheld their patronage and support because they have not approved of the manner in which the work has been prosecuted. Ship owners also have regarded the Mission, as it has been conducted, a hindrance rather than a help to their business.

This is most unfortunate, as no sailors' mission can be successful which does not command the esteem and confidence of the business men and ship owners.

The first requisite to success is that the Mission be made a real help to the seamen. Whatever helps the seamen, as seamen, is a benefit to the ship owner in whose ships they sail. Whatever benefits the seamen coming to a port must necessarily be helpful to the port or city.

A seamen's mission must be conducted on the same principle which is recognized in the administration of government. "The greatest good to the greatest number." Methods need to be changed as circumstances require. The largest numbers of steamboat men coming to this port make special provision for their welfare necessary. This provision should be in the form of what we term a seamen's mission proper; no boarding house attached. To do this work as it should be done is impossible in our present quarters.

We need a new building. The need is most imperative. For that new building I intend to begin to work at once.

If business men, professional men and ship owners have been dissatisfied with the work as it has been carried on, will back with their money, I promise them that they will not regret their contribution. I shall satisfy their highest requirements.

Sailor work today is a science, and it does not require a long time for a sailor worker of experience, by observation, to determine whether a mission is observing the laws, or working scientifically or not.

What we need most at present is money. We have no suitable rooms for the sailors, and not even a game table. We have no money to buy them.

We need a building with social and game rooms, concert hall, reading room, smoking rooms, etc., for the men; beside separate quarters for officers.

The Seamen's Mission should have all the sociability of the bedroom, its games, etc., with the drink left out, and the best social influences supplied.

A building costing say ten thousand dollars, plain but well built, can help in any way like the sailor—true, bonafide sailors. This will not be a refuge for sailors' homes or deserters.

The Mission is still in debt. I can do no real progressive work till this debt is removed.

Business men, professional men and ship owners will kindly anticipate my calling upon them. I do not wish to take more of their time than they can help. If any one would like to have me call at his convenience and explain my plans, I shall be glad to do so. It will save time.

I shall also appreciate appointments to speak about the work at church services or on any possible occasion.

Will not some one, in the name of Him who went about doing good, without a thought for his own comfort, start the new building fund by a good, generous contribution?

Who will give the first thousand dollars? Thanking you, sir, for your kindness, I am, Gratefully yours,

E. H. ROPER.

**RECENT DEATHS.**

Miss Sarah Mary Iait, daughter of Wm. Tait, janitor of the High School, died yesterday after an illness of several months. The young lady was 17 years of age, and was an attendant at Exmouth Street Methodist church. She was beloved by all who enjoyed her acquaintance and very many friends will extend sympathy to Mr. and Mrs. Tait in their loss. The funeral will be from the High School building at 2.30 o'clock Tuesday afternoon.

Thos. Sinnott, a leading farmer of Queensbury, died at that place Saturday night after a lingering illness from cancerous tumor. He was 71 years of age and is survived by his wife, two daughters and three sons, one of the latter being Alex. Sinnott, of Fredericton.

The death of Mrs. Elizabeth Powers took place about one o'clock Sunday morning at her home on Loch Lomond road. The deceased had been ill for a few days. Two sons survive, John and James Power of this city. The

## funeral will take place at 2.30 o'clock on Tuesday afternoon.

The death occurred at Petitedoc Sunday afternoon of Murray B. Keith. Mr. Keith was widely known in commercial circles in his own county and in St. John. His widow, who was a Miss Stockton, sister of Dr. A. A. Stockton and R. O. Stockton of this city, survives. Heber S. Keith, attorney-at-law, of this city, is a son.

## A DEFINITE ASSURANCE WANTED

(Chicago News.)

Says a Chicago dentist: A young woman recently from the Emerald Isle called at my office to have some dental work done. I examined her