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SULLY IS NOT VERY HARD HIT. Great Cotton Bull Confident of Regaining Position. Result of His Failure Upon Market Depends on Today's Trading—Some Failures Already.

NEW YORK, March 18.—The world this morning says "Daniel J. Sully declared at his home, No. 6 East 62nd street, last night that he would soon be on his feet again. My failure is temporary," he said.

ST. PETERSBURG, March 18.—Russian troops continue to pour into North Korea. They are in excellent condition. It is said here that typhus fever is raging among the Japanese forces.

NEW YORK, March 18.—At the opening of the cotton exchange today the suspension of J. H. Garrison & Co. was announced. This suspension is comparatively unimportant, the company's outstanding interests not being supposed to be material.

ST. PETERSBURG, March 18, 1.30 p. m.—The government's private information is not completely reassuring as regards China's sincerity in observing the terms of the recent agreement.

MONTEREAL, March 18.—Charles M. Hays, general manager of the G. T. P. scheme would undoubtedly go through as outlined as far as the company was concerned. It now remained for the government to do its share.

ST. JOHN, N. B., March 19, 1904.

BEST SET TEETH, \$5.00. OUR POPULAR PRICES: Gold Filling, From \$1.00 Silver Filling, 50c Porcelain Filling, 40c Gold Crowns, \$3.00 Full Sets Teeth as above, \$5.00 Teeth Repaired, while you wait, 50c Extracting, absolutely painless, 50c Examination, FREE

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RUSSIA CLAIMS GREAT VICTORY 1,800 Japanese Prisoners Taken in Battle on the Yalu.

Report Comes from Russian Source—Thousands of Russian Soldiers Pouring Into Northern Korea.

ONE TOO, March 18, 9 p. m.—A private despatch received here from Mukden, states that a battle has taken place on the Yalu, in which the Russians claim to have captured eighteen hundred prisoners.

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MOSCOW, March 18.—Mme. Shrenovitch has been informed that her husband, the commander of the battleship Evsthan, has become deaf as the result of the cannonading in the re-peating of the Japanese assaults on Port Arthur.

CONDITIONS AT PORT ARTHUR. ST. PETERSBURG, March 18.—A correspondent of the Associated Press who has just visited Port Arthur, telegraphs today from Mukden as follows:

"Despite the various bombardments at Port Arthur the external aspect of the city remains unchanged, although the enemy fired an enormous number of projectiles.

"Near the entrance of the harbor can be seen the charred wrecks of the Japanese fire ships. Aboard one of the farthest out was found the body of a Japanese sailor who had shot himself. Beside him lay a chart showing the course of the fireships and the spot where they were exploded.

CHINA FEARED. ST. PETERSBURG, March 18, 1.30 p. m.—The government's private information is not completely reassuring as regards China's sincerity in observing the terms of the recent agreement.

WHERE IS TOGO? Moreover the Emperor's naval experts who have been studying carefully the puzzle as to whether Vice-Admiral To-go's fleet is coaling and provisioning through its appearance off Port Arthur are becoming more and more convinced that it is using as a base some quiet spot on the Chinese coast.

TOO LATE FOR CLASSIFICATION. TO LET—From the first of May next, a very desirable self-contained upper flat in a good locality. Has 600 sq. ft. of floor space, bath, room, closets, with all modern conveniences.

DEATHS. ROGERS—In this city on Saturday, March 18, Robert L., infant son of John and Florence Rogers, aged 2 years. Funeral from his father's residence, 25 High street, Sunday at 2.30 o'clock.

FOR SALES—Baby Carriage, with adjustable back and seat. Has only been used one season. St. John's, N. B.

EMMERSON GETS HIS REVENGE.

Why Two I. C. R. Employees Lost Their Positions.

Machine Healers Brought False Charges Against Them and Emmerston Swung the Axe.

Two I. C. R. employees, James P. de Mill, checker and delivery clerk, and Oscar Peterson, foreman car cleaner in the round house, were dismissed yesterday from the service.

Mr. de Mill entered the service twenty-seven years ago, first as a checker and for the last five years has filled the position of car checker and delivery clerk. He is well thought of by all who have had any business with that department.

Mr. Peterson has been with the I. C. R. for four years, previous to this having been with the C. P. R. Both men were generally supposed to be Liberals and the announcement of their dismissal caused considerable surprise, and even yet there is much talk and excitement among government officials in this city.

Through the columns of the morning papers both men state that they know of no reason why they should be discharged and investigation shows that no complaint has been made through the usual channels concerning them.

It was, however, generally assumed that politics had something to do with the matter and now the story is out. In de Mill's case it is this: A man who has been prominent in local politics and who is a government politician is a follower of Mr. McKewen, went up the line not long ago with de Mill to attend a funeral of a relative. It is stated on good authority that de Mill discussed government measure and politics in a perfectly fair but independent manner with his fellow passenger, who took advantage of this talk to confabulate to lay a charge of offensive partisanship against de Mill, whose intimate friends the informer gave him a curt order to get out.

Peterson's case is different and an investigation is held some lively evidence is apt to come out. It is understood that the charge against him is for receiving money from a well known Victoria ward worker on the staff of the Daniel-McKeown election. This Mr. Peterson denies, and the politician referred to says that he never gave him a cent or made any offer to do so. He did meet Peterson that day and in a friendly, social way offered him a cigar.

Just somebody had to suffer, and these two men were marked as easy game. If Mr. Emmerston could hear the wholesale condemnation his party and unfair conduct is receiving among I. C. R. employees there would probably be a few more vacancies for the heeler who are after jobs.

OFF TO THE WEST. A party of St. John People Leave This Week. On Wednesday next a small party of St. John people will start for the golden west, where they will in future reside. Their destination is Clarkesmith, Alberta. This little town is on the C. P. R. some sixty miles from Calgary, and has a population of about 300.

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THE WEATHER.

Forecasts—Northwest, gradually shifting to southerly winds, fine and comparatively mild until Sunday forenoon, then sleet and rain. Synopsis—Fair weather is indicated until tomorrow forenoon, but conditions generally are greatly disturbed, moderate depressions following one another in rapid succession. Winds to Banks, fresh west to south, and to American ports fresh west to northwest.

JACK O'BRIEN'S POOR SHOWING.

CHICAGO, March 18.—After six rounds of tangle fighting, Jack O'Brien, of Philadelphia, was last night given the decision over Hugo Kelly, of this city. The decision was displeasing in a high degree to the greater number of spectators. O'Brien showed to poor advantage and put up one of the poorest fights of his career. Kelly had the better of the first five rounds, but in the last O'Brien woke up and had so much the better of the round that the referee gave him the decision.

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Sporting.

The Ring.

JEFF IS REINCARNATION OF FIGHTING CAVE MAN.

(By Robert Edgren.) James J. Jeffries is champion of all the champions in the ring. Some fighters become champions of a class, like the featherweight, the lightweight or the middleweight, but the champion of the big men is master of them all. As a fighter with fists, in all probability no man ever competed who was the equal of the present champion. The heroes of battle in the old days of the ring, according to the accounts and statistics of physical attributes that have come down to us, would have been like children in his hands. The famous Jim Maco, looked upon even now in England as one of the greatest fighters the British ever saw, would hardly have been able to stay three or four rounds with Jeffries, even in his prime.

In the 18th century flourished a boxer known as Tiger Roach, the Bully of Bedford. He was one of the first champions, and he fought with sword or cudgel as well as with his hands. He was a desperado in the train of a nobleman, and even now traditions tell of the men he killed in braves in the streets. But Roach was no giant like the Californian. Figs, one of the best remembered of the ancient champions, was a small man, comparatively, weighing some 14 stone, or a little less than 200 pounds.

ALONE IN HIS CLASS. Jeffries is in a class of his own, and there are many reasons aside from his bulk. Sometimes in the development of race, either animal or human, a "throw-back" occurs. One individual will be like his ancestors many thousands of years before. He will lack some of the characteristics of the changes that come in centuries of development, and he will have traits that were possessed by his ancestors. If they were hairy, he will be hairy; if they were huge and big-boned, and supplied with teeth as white and strong as those of a wolf, he will be the same.

Jeffries is a "throw-back." Long ago all of our ancestors lived in caves and killed their quarry with their hands, or with clubs torn from trees, or stone axes. In that kind of a life they would have been at home. The strongest instincts are those of the hunter and fighter. His frame is of bones twice as strong and thick as those of the ordinary man in the stage of civilization. His massive head and skull might resist the sweep of the cave tiger's paw, or the slap of the bear. He is thick-skulled, massive in bone and muscle, and he has a life as tough as that of a rhinoceros.

BEAR TACKLED JEFF. Last July I went to Harbin Springs to watch Jeffries training for his fight with Corbett. Near the quarters a small bear, captured in the mountains, was chained. Jeffries could not keep away from the bear. He wanted to box with it, to scuffle and wrestle. Everywhere at the camp, including Fitzsimmons, tried to induce him to keep away from the bear. One day as Jeff looked out his fist the bear seized him by the wrist and chewed savagely with his sharp teeth. Jeffries kicked the bear in the side. Bruin let go his hold and grabbed Jeffries by the neck, tearing it and leaving holes into which one could have thrust a lead pencil. Jeff walked up to the camp and met Fitz. "You had better let me sew it up," said Fitz. "Oh, shucks," replied Jeff. "It isn't worth the trouble. Let it go. It will heal up all right." Fitz insisted and went after a big needle and some thick linen thread. Jeff sat on a chair and submitted to the operation. Now, here comes the curious thing

—the thing that supports the theory that Jeffries is a "throw-back" to the time when man was hided like the animals with which they fought for existence. Fitz tried several times to shove the needle through the skin at the edges of the gash, but the needle obstinately stuck and bent and finally broke off short. "Great Scott," cried Fitz. "Why, you've got a hide as thick and tough as a rhinoceros." Jeffries lay back in the chair and laughed with amusement at Fitzsimmons' chagrin. The pain of the thing he apparently did not fear at all. Finally, with the aid of a sharp knife point and a new needle, Fitzsimmons succeeded in piercing Jeffries' sole-leather hide and sewing up the wound. The gorilla, ancestor of the cave man, a few hundred thousands of years removed, perhaps, had a skull of such thickness that the blow of an axe on top of his head would merely irritate him. In a cave in France, under a mass of debris that proved to scientists an age of a great many thousands of years, was found the skeleton of a man. He was in his lifetime over eight feet in height. His skull was enormously thick, and the bones of his arms and legs were as massive as those of a gorilla. But the skeleton was that of a man, not a gorilla, for all that. Jeffries is only six feet two, hardly a match for the cave man of France. But his skull and the bones of his jaw and his frame in general are of the same massive character. He is not the kind of a man developed by modern civilization, to wear small shoes and high collars, to eat dainty meals and sleep in feather beds and all the rest of it. He is a reincarnation, body and fighting spirit, of the cave man.

AFTER NEW CHAMPIONS. New champions are wanted, and wanted with an intensity of yearning by devotees of the government's gum. There is not a class, from James J. Sullivan, Jack Dempsey and Jack McAuliffe. Any newcomers who would go up to the top would be feted and petted, but for the past couple of years the new winners have been scarce, the most promising of the aspirants having fallen down when the crucial test of decisive battle came.

Jeffries, the hairy heavyweight general, has never been believed of the people. Jeff is a decent sort of a chap, takes good care of his teeth, fights fair and all that, but his looks personal reputation and fails to draw the chilly crowds.

Robert Fitzsimmons, the light heavyweight champion, has long ago crossed a smugly by his coming appearance and original fight, but has never been a personal favorite with the throngs that love the game. These two big men held their knees apparently secure, but the advent of two young champions to challenge them would be hailed with delight by all the fight-going multitudes. Tommy Ryan is still middleweight champion, has been for years and good enough to stay so. Nobody exactly adores Ryan and there will be a wild whoop of glee when, some day or other, the news flashes over the wires, "Knocks out Ryan, will not only be a genuine champion, but will be remembered to death by everybody." Joe Gans, who still holds the lightweight title and refuses to get whipped, is hated and despised. The same can be said of Joe Walcott, the welterweight boss, and not because of color—these two have earned public contempt by fakes and crooked actions. Young Corbett has been calling himself featherweight champion—and is a full-sized lightweight at the ringside.



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wherefore the public doesn't like him, even while recognizing his fighting powers. Abe Attell, who claims the title at 125 pounds, is fast as lightning. But so far has been unable to make himself generally admitted on account of his feeble, runaway tactics in the ring. If he could develop the wallop sported—but what's the chance? Frankie Neil, who claims bantam honors, is not taken seriously by most of the devotees.

JIM CORBETT FIGHTS SIMPLY FOR THE MONEY.

"I was Jack Munroe," says James J. Corbett, "I would not meet Champion Jeffries just now. A beating from Jeffries hurts physically and destroys utterly as to reputation. Munroe will certainly go the route that all fighters have imagined that they could beat the great fighter. "Munroe has come out wonderfully, and in time he will make a topnotcher. But as far as becoming champion he must wait until Jeffries gets too old or retires from the ring." "Would you fight Munroe?" Corbett was asked. "My dear sir, I would fight anything if it paid me." "Do you expect to fight Fitzsimmons?" "Well, now, between me and you, Fitzsimmons looks like Mrs. Fairley's waxworks to me. His joints are stiff, his feet get sore and his hands are so broken they leak. If the misguided public insists on me meeting the one-time fighter and put up sufficient money I will meet and knock him out. But it looks like a shame to his such a cripple, doesn't it? It seems like a pity for men who claim themselves to be men to encourage such a feeble old fellow to again try to fight. He was a good man in his day, but that day has passed with his red hair," and Corbett departed for dinner.

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ST. JOHN DISFRANCHISED.

Government Refuses to Hold an Early Election Here.

FREDERICTON, N. B., March 18.—In the house today Mr. Hazen, seconded by Mr. Logg's, moved a resolution regretting the unnecessary delay in the filling of the vacancy in St. John's representation. Mr. Copp, on behalf of the government, resisted the motion on the ground that St. John was not inconvenienced and that the delay was made on account of the proposed establishment of a secret ballot system. He moved a resolution endorsing the action of the government in delaying the election. Hon. Mr. Hill admitted that the chief purpose for the delay was to wait until the political blindness evidenced in St. John by the recent election had passed away. After some further discussion, the government's amendment, of course, carried.

The vote stood 30 to 10. Mr. Hazen introduced a bill to amend the election act of 1899 by fixing a limit of time of twenty days during which a writ for a new election could be issued. This was thrown out by Mr. Tweedie on the ground that it involved the expenditure of money and could not be introduced save by a member of the government.

Several motions of inquiry into the conduct of the government were given and the rest of the session was spent discussing the highway act in committee.

THE RUSSIAN WALRUS AND THE JAPANESE CARPENTER.

(From the Brooklyn Eagle.) The Walrus and the Carpenter surveyed Korea, and they went like anything to see such quantities of land, "If we could only split it up," they said, "it would be grand."

"If I should march some soldiers here; You brought some in a boat, I'm very sure," the Walrus said, "We'd have a table d'hôte." "Exactly," said the Carpenter, "And shed his little coat."

"Korea, let us use on you," the Walrus did implore; "A little lunch across the hills; A breakfast on the shore, We need you for our supper, too." The Carpenter said, "More."

"Don't feed on us," Korea cried, "Turning a trifle white, 'The weather,' said the Carpenter, 'Is just exactly right.' 'The breeze is fine,' the Walrus said—'You took the biggest bite.'"

"Korea, it was kind of you, To feed us so, I wish, Nevertheless," the Walrus said, "You were a bigger fish." "Taint manners," said the Carpenter, "For you to lick the dish."

"It seems a shame," the Walrus said, "There isn't any more." "There is," returned the Carpenter, "Observe the Open Door. The fruit is very tempting." Said the Walrus: "Leave the core."

"Korea," said the Carpenter, "Is just exactly right." "A ditch," the Walrus interposed, "Korea didn't yap, And this was scarcely odd, because They'd wiped him of the map."

THE MAIN QUESTION. (From the Chicago Post.) "Somebody wants to see you, sir," said the office boy. "Did you get his name, Jimmy?" "No, sir." "You've been guilty of a serious oversight Jimmy." "He said he wanted to see you." "But that's comparatively unimportant, Jimmy. The main question is, do I want to see him?"

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FREDERICTON NEWS

FREDERICTON, March 18.—The annual meeting of the council of the New Brunswick Medical Society was held at the Queen Hotel last evening. Among those in attendance were Dr. A. S. Walker, Walter, Inches and Crawford of St. John. Election of officers resulted as follows: President, Dr. A. B. Abbott, Fredericton; treasurer, Dr. Thos. Walker, St. John; registrar, Dr. Howard Stimes, Fredericton. After routine business a decision was reached to take legal proceedings against three physicians who are practicing in the province without being registered. C. N. Skinner, K. C., has been retained and will take action at once.

THE LUMBER OUTPUT. Is Vastly Estimated at from 155,000,000 to 180,000,000—Markets Are Steady. Reports from lumber operators who are now up river are to the effect that the total output for the present season will be nearly as large as last year. It is estimated that the output will be 155,000,000 to 180,000,000 feet, which has been hung up since last season, and 125,000,000 forming the present winter's cut. Of this total it is said that about 4,000,000 belongs and will be held by concerns on the higher waters, and that between 120,000,000 and 125,000,000 will be brought to the Fredericton and Springhill booms.

CAUGHT MAPPING. Bailor's Defeat Nearly Repeated in TORONTO, March 18.—The Ross government had a lively time in the house today and for a while were greatly worried. The opposition caught them napping some home that they were in a minority by six votes. The opposition took advantage of this and had considerable fun. A motion was made and the government was carried down the hill, but it was not so simple as that. Mr. Harcourt moved the adjournment of the debate, thus limiting the length of the speeches to ten minutes. Mr. Harcourt then wanted to withdraw his motion, but in a minute there was joy in the hearts of the government leaders as the conservatives did not oppose the motion when put.

MOTHER WAS DRUNK AND BABY DEAD. Fatal Ending to a Carousal in Toronto. TORONTO, March 18.—As the result of the complaint of a woman named O'Connor, that she had been robbed of \$15, the police of No. 3 Station visited the residence of Michael Sheehy, 123 Yorkley street, near Markham street, this morning, and made a startling discovery. From all appearances there had been a drunken carousal of several days' duration, and in the midst of most abominable filth and squalor lay the dead body of a child about six months old. Mrs. Ann Greahill, the mother of the baby, Sheehy and another woman were in the house, all intoxicated and evidently unconscious of the presence of death. Teddy Sheehy, aged four years, was the only sober person present, and he was apparently accustomed to such scenes of drunkenness that it did not occur to him to tell the neighbors of the fearful condition of affairs.

HALIFAX MEN LOST. HALIFAX, March 18.—Two more Halifax men have lost their lives in the South Sea while engaged in sealing. They are Capt. DeYoung, Chesapeake, and Stephen DeYoung, Chesapeake. They were members of the crew of the schooner, the W. B. Baker of the sch. Beatrice L. Corkum, who spoke the Humber on Dec. 28th. Speaking of his own vessel, Captain Baker says that although handicapped by being two men short in his crew, which only enabled him to get out of a child about seven miles from other schooners in the first part of his voyage, which ended in Stanley on Jan. 19th, he had been 104 days at sea. Capt. Baker reports the following other catches in the South Pacific.

NEW YACHTS. From present indications, the Royal Kennebec Yacht Club will have a most successful season. So far as known, four new yachts will make their first trip on the coast. These boats are the property of Frank P. Starr, New, Lindsay Parker, Guilford Swainson and I. A. Leavitt. Mr. Starr's boat is being built by Messrs. Logan on Strait Shore, and was designed by Trueman & Co., of Boston. She will be fitted with a ten horse power gasoline motor. Dr. Parker's new boat is what is called a sloop knockabout, is 37 feet over all and was designed by the owner. Mr. Leavitt has purchased in Boston a boat that will be known as Hermes II. She is a sloop, 37 feet over all, and has been fitted up.

BOYS BRIGADE. There was an interesting gathering at St. Stephen's church school-house last evening, when Lt. Col. Buchanan assembled five companies of the Boys' Brigade. Of the seven companies in the city, only three were present, and last night's gathering was held with a view of arousing the interest of the members of these companies in their work. The unfortunates present were put through the manual and physical exercises.

HEROIC ST. JOHN NURSE. In a recent fire in Melrose (Mass.) Hospital the girl nurses did heroic work in saving the helpless patients. The stairways were cut off by the fire, but the brave nurses fearlessly carried the patients down the fire escapes. One of the nurses is a St. John girl, Miss Katie McCaffrey, of Carmarthen street.

JURY SAYS MURDER.

Inquest into Millie Gee's Death Ended—Jealousy Proved to be Cause of Murder. BATH, March 18.—At the continuation of the inquest this afternoon further medical evidence was received showing that the girl had died of septic peritonitis, due to the bullet wound. Sandy Demerchatt, sworn, said: "George Gee came to my house on Monday morning last and asked for Hanford Gee. I heard him tell Hanford, 'I have shot Millie.' He wanted him to go and see her. He said he wished he had shot her through her heart." Sallie Kinney, sworn, said: "I saw George Gee and Millie Gee about two weeks ago talking near Harry Demerchatt's. Gee said to Millie, 'If you don't go with me you will never go with anyone else, because I'll shoot you.'" Mary Gee, sworn, said: "I am sister of Millie Gee. I was at the house when George Gee came to the house and said he had shot Millie. I thought too much of her for her to use him the way she did. He said she was not dead, but did not know how bad he had shot her. He had a gun. He got something to eat. I hardly believe he had shot her. He was not drinking. He appeared quite sober. He said he meant it for her heart."

AMATEUR BALL. A Preliminary Meeting of Those Interested Held Last Night. Lovers of base ball in St. John will be pleased to learn that efforts are being made to have six teams represented in the home league this summer. The object of forming a league of fifty or sixty representatives of the clubs, is to elect officers and transact other business. The appointment of officers resulted as follows: Dr. Robertson (re-elected), president; Harry Ervin, vice president; F. L. Coombs, sec. treasurer. The teams representing the city are: the present occupied by W. S. Vaughan, 108 Pitt street. The committee was appointed to interview the proprietors of the Victoria and Shamrock grounds with a view of leasing the fields for summer use. A communication from Hon. H. A. McKewen was read, offering a trophy cup for the best team in the city. The trophy will be held at a meeting on Wednesday evening next, after which a general meeting will be called of those interested in the amateur league.

PROVINCIAL BOYS GO EAST. Among the last band of McGill University graduates who are leaving for Ontario lands is one who has many friends here, Frederick J. Mowatt, B. A., spent his early boyhood in Fredericton, where his father, Rev. Dr. Mowatt, was for several years a pastor. Dr. Mowatt went to Montreal in 1881, and ten years later he was graduated from the faculty of arts at McGill. During his course he won distinction as a base ball player, and was a member of the university football team. After leaving college he did missionary work for six years, and was very much liked, especially by young men of the athletic class. Mr. Mowatt will leave for Hong Kong in August, and is to be supported in his mission by his father's church.

Y. M. C. A. WILL NOT SELL. The question of a suitable site for a drill hall is still a topic of the day. An evening paper yesterday stated that Mr. C. A. intend erecting their new building, and that it was believed the Y. M. C. A. would be willing to sell the site. The Y. M. C. A. are preparing to call for tenders for a new building, and John E. Irvine, of the board of directors, said last night that they will not sell the site. Secretary S. B. Wilson, of the Y. M. C. A., said that the Y. M. C. A. building was for sale, but it was news to him to hear that the site recently purchased was now for sale.

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TIP O'NEILL AFTER CHAMPIONSHIP. "Tip" O'Neill, who is showing the Yankees the kind of baseball material that Canada can produce, is booked to take part in the championship spring matches of baseball men some time in May. He will find himself up against Dougherty, a fellow player in the Boston, who has a reputation of being one of the fastest runners in the states. "Tip," however, may teach him something.

MRS. GAIT, G. N. SHAW DEAD. Mrs. Annie Shaw, the wife of Capt. George N. Shaw, died recently at her home in Kennebec, Maine. She was formerly Miss Logan, and was married to the States four years ago. Mrs. Shaw's loss will be very keenly felt among her numerous friends at Kennebec, where she was well known and greatly esteemed by all. Mrs. Shaw leaves a husband and daughter.

LOT OF TALKING. W. W. Wells of the Telephone Co. said yesterday that the average number of calls per day by each phone is 12. This means that the central office has to deal with about 15,000 calls per day. In St. John there is one telephone for every thirty inhabitants, and this is about the average for the province.

FOR A WATER SYSTEM.

Reference was made in the despatches from Ottawa recently to the appropriation of a large amount of money for expenditure at St. John in connection with the quarantine development. This money will be spent chiefly in the provision of a supply of water at Paradise Island. The water lens from high water mark at the Bay Shore will be extended out to the island at the expense of the government. A special iron pipe will be put in with ball and socket joints. Excavations of considerable dimensions will be necessary in order to convey the supply of water to all the buildings on the island. The city of St. John has undertaken to extend a pipe from the main on St. John street, west end, to high water mark, the federal government to be responsible for three-quarters of the expenditure. The remainder of the work will be presented at the expense of the government. Improvements are being made in the heating of the buildings at Paradise Island. It is said that the buildings there will in the near future be provided with proper lighting, either acetylene gas or possibly electricity.

MOLESTED BY NO ONE. Robbers Who Blew a Safe Ten Times. SLATERVILLE, N. J., March 18.—Five bank robbers made an unsuccessful attempt to rifle the vault of the First National Bank of Smithfield in this village early this morning. Their efforts were frustrated through the inner door of the vault being blown inward and lodging in such a manner that they were unable to dislodge it with their explosives. The robbers worked for half past one o'clock for two hours and during that time, while many claim to have heard the explosions, not a single person in the village investigated the matter. The robbers finally left in the direction of Woonsocket. There is no clue to their identity.

JAPAN'S GREAT CHAOKRAMAN. Japan has been much excited by the capture of its most famous criminal, Sasho Ono, alias Kinbi Watanabe, who was charged with the murder of a British subject. Ono was arrested in London after a long and desperate struggle. He had been arrested twenty-three times, and made attempts to escape from prison no fewer than 111 times. He is now in the hands of the British police.

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Classified Advertisements.

Advertisements under this head: Half a cent a word. No less charge than 25 cents. HELP WANTED-FEMALE. WANTED-Two or three girls to learn dressmaking. Apply to MORRELL & SUTHERLAND, Charlotte street. WANTED-Fant and vest makers wanted. Highest wages, steady employment. A. B. CAMPBELL & SON, 84 German street. WANTED-A housemaid. Apply at 75 Sewell street. WANTED-A girl for general housework. Apply to MRS. ALFRED MORRISSEY, 88 Essex street, between hours of 7 and 8 o'clock. WANTED-At once a few good stitchers on Singer Machines. Apply 107 Prince Wm. St., 2d floor. WANTED-A girl for general housework. Apply at 39 Paddock street.

HELP WANTED, MALE. WANTED-Salesman; must be intelligent, industrious and able to furnish good references. Apply at 25 Dock street, between 9 a. m. and 5 p. m. Liberal compensation to desirable parties. WANTED-At once, three or four good coat makers. Apply to W. H. CAMERON, 40 Main street. HOUSES TO LET. TO LET-Self contained dwelling, No. 104 Wright street, at present in occupation of Mr. Robert J. Williams. Eight rooms and bathroom. May be seen Tuesday and Thursday afternoons, from 3 to 4 o'clock. W. M. CHURCH, 115 Prince William street. TO LET-From May 1st, a very desirable self contained dwelling of 8 rooms, well lighted and nicely arranged for convenience and comfort at 120 German street, corner of Garden street. Call on Wednesdays and Friday afternoons. For terms, etc., apply MRS. GILLIS, 10 Union street.

TO LET. TO LET-OFFICE. Prince Wm. street, over R. G. Dunn & Co. Office building, well lighted, hot water heating. Possession given at any time, or on longer if required. Apply to H. V. BELLYA, Barrister, Room 12, Farquhar's Building, at Princess street. TO LET-May 1st premises situated on St. John street, near occupied by T. J. Vaughan, 108 Pitt street. TO LET-From 1st of May, seven rooms, modern improvements, No. 27 Charlotte street, opposite Queen square. Wednesday and Friday. TO LET-Large shop corner Charlotte and Duke streets, suitable for dry goods or grocery. Also adjoining store on Charlotte street will be let with the large shop or separately. Apply to AMON A. WILSON, Barrister, Chubb's Corner. FURNISHED ROOMS TO LET at 111 Elliot Row, Apply on premises.

STORES TO LET. TO LET-From 1st of May next, store No. 255 Broadway street, now occupied by T. J. Vaughan. Apply on premises or to W. S. Vaughan street. BREAKS OLD RULES. (Montreal Gazette). For the first time in the history of McGill University, a woman will be permitted to occupy a place at faculty meetings. This departure from precedent and tradition was made yesterday afternoon, as is often claimed, the French investigator show by the fact that they are not transmitted by substances that are transparent to heat rays, while in general physiological experiments it was demonstrated that they can be emitted from a body below the temperature of the phosphorescent screen and the surrounding atmosphere. Mr. Charpentier obtained an increased luminosity of the sensitive screen with rays from a frog at a temperature below that of the laboratory, which was not connected with heating the screen and then bringing up a cooler body. M. Mace in similar experiments used a living phosphorescent screen prepared from bacteria, and showed that the effects were not due to heat, as the phosphorescence of the screen diminished with a rise in temperature. Most interesting of the physiological experiments with the N-rays have been those where, by means of a phosphorescent screen, the effect of a muscular action such as the movement of the arm was traced to its motor centre in the brain or spinal marrow. It is even claimed that it is possible to gauge the activity of the brain by the intensity of the N-rays emitted as any mental effort acts to increase the luminosity of the screen.

THE LONG SKIRT EVIL. (Chicago Tribune). It is a little curious that while some women are starting crusades against the public health, still others should by the wearing of long skirts spread disease and disseminate dirt. The same woman who shrines fastidiously from the microscope bearing rays of the bacteria at the door is frequently known to be resting place on her skirts to the same despoiled germ. She refuses to allow immigration to sink so low as the hem of her gown, and her insular role is assumed in ignorance rather than in defiance. Yet on the other hand it is stated that no germ formidable enough to rubbin a woman's dress has yet been discovered, and that the only way to get rid of the long skirt is to boycott it. The latter view is a spontaneous one and will not do this, and the men, of course, have not.

WAS IN A CRITICAL CONDITION. System was Run Down. FELT DROWSY AND MISERABLE. Burdock Blood Bitters. BUILT UP THE SYSTEM AND ADDED TEN POUNDS IN WEIGHT. (Chicago Tribune). Mr. Ed. J. Harris, Newbridge, Ont., was in poor health, but has now been restored to full health and vigor. Here is what he writes us: "Last spring I was in a very critical condition, my system was all run down. I felt drowsy and miserable, and thought I would surely die if I did not get something to build me up. After reading one of your almanacs I decided to try Burdock Blood Bitters, and before I had taken two bottles I had gained ten pounds in weight, and am now in perfect health, and I can certainly recommend Burdock Blood Bitters to build up the system."

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ST. JOHN STAR. ST. JOHN, N. B., MARCH 19, 1904. LAME EXCUSES. Sir William Mulock, discussing Imperial preferential trade at the recent annual meeting of the British Empire League, while not condemning the policy, deprecated the expression by Canada of any opinion upon the question at this time as an unjustifiable interference with British politics.

SMALL POLITICS. In a recent speech in parliament, Sir Wilfrid Laurier took occasion to describe the Conservative party as "an old hulk, without a captain on board, but commanded from the shore by a junta."

SATURDAY SERMONETTE. "Happy he who can look through the clouds of a man (the woolen and fleecy, and official bank-paper and state-paper clothes) into a man himself."

REFLECTIONS OF A BACHELOR. (New York Press.) It worries a woman never to be sick enough to have her husband worry about her.

DEATHS. HAYES—In this city on the 18th inst., after a lingering illness, Mrs. beloved wife of Joseph Hayes, in the 56th year of her age.

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LOCAL NEWS. The remains of Mrs. Mary Gilliland will be interred in the Presbyterian burial ground at Jubilee, Kings Co. this afternoon.

THE VENGEANCE OF A MINISTER. Mr. Emerson's epistle at those who defeated him in St. John is finding plenty vent after last election day.

THE TREES AND THE MASTER. Into the woods my Master went, O'er the forest, forerunner he came.

A FLOUR THAT MAKES BOTH BREAD AND PASTRY. It is no trouble to get good results in making both bread and pastry of Ogilvie's Royal Household Flour.

TO LET advertisements in the STAR will bring tenants. Try them.

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N. B. LEGISLATURE. FREDERICTON, N. B., March 18.—In the house today in answer to a question from Mr. Fleming with regard to the payment made to the attorney general in connection with the claim to the Halifax award, reduction of representation and Duin v. the King.

NORDICA IN MONTREAL. All local readers of the Montreal papers are familiar with the splendid success which Nordica scored in that city Wednesday evening.

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TRAVELLERS' GUIDE. Passenger service to and from St. John, in effect Oct. 1903. DEPARTURES. By Canadian Pacific.



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Ladies of Saint John and Vicinity: The cheapest place to get a stylish and fashionable suit or dress is at SIDEMAN'S. I am the only one here who makes a Raincoat on the Tailor-made System.

NO DELAY FOR THEM. The effect that King Edward's decision regarding the Atlantic labor importation ordinance will not prevent the Transvaal from proceeding with the execution of the ordinance.

LONDON, March 18.—The colonial office issued a statement tonight confirming the statement received from Johannesburg to the effect that King Edward's decision regarding the Atlantic labor importation ordinance will not prevent the Transvaal from proceeding with the execution of the ordinance.

SAINT JOHN, N. B., SATURDAY, MARCH 19, 1904.

FIGHTERS BY DECENT.

The Samurai of the Mikado's Army and Navy.

"You wouldn't think it to look at them," said an American friend of Tokio, as he showed a tourist friend a battalion of the Mikado's troops at drill. "But those little fellows are as good soldiers as any army in the world. Do you see that officer?" pointing to a company commander heavily fitted in the Japanese style. "He is a samurai. His ancestors have been warriors for two thousand years, and he could no more help fighting than a wolf braver could. And his comrades are like him."

But they are not mere bookworms. Careful attention is paid to their physical development, and the gymnastics are attached to the barracks as of the best type. The officers do everything in their power to encourage sports of all kinds. Football and other western games are played in some of the barracks, but the favorite is the practice of Judo, which is the finest kind of physical culture in the world so far as obtaining results over an enemy is concerned. Promotion to the commissioned ranks is practical as to the Japanese. It is not a theoretical possibility, for the Mikado is absolute commander-in-chief, and there is no chance that he might reward some notable deed of valor by a commission. Not only are the regulations in this respect, but it is not a matter of course that a British regimental mess "everything" is common property, except money, and it is regarded as dishonorable to seek for promotion at the expense of a brother officer, even by methods deemed legitimate in other services, as for example, by cultivating social relations with the men who dispense honors and rewards. It is said, with much truth, that in a British regimental mess "everything" is common property, except money, and it is regarded as dishonorable to seek for promotion at the expense of a brother officer, even by methods deemed legitimate in other services, as for example, by cultivating social relations with the men who dispense honors and rewards.

BENTLEY'S LINIMENT advertisement with logo and text describing its benefits for various ailments.

TRYING TO REMOVE HER FROM EARTH.

Mrs. H. Blanche Coburn, of Boston, Avers That Christian Scientists Will Think Her to Death.

HERBS THE INDIANS USED.

Dr. J. W. Blankenship, botanist at the experiment station at Beaman, Mont., who has charge of the state botanical garden at St. Louis, is making a collection among other things, of the medicinal plants used by the Indians.

QUEER TOWN NAMES.

The Washington Star has culled from the Postal Guide a list of some of the curiously named postoffice names.

SINGING OF TELEGRAPH WIRES.

Dr. A. Thompson, Alvinston, writes: The other day, I noticed in the The Globe a reference to the singing of telegraph wires.

GRANT AN "ENFANT TERRIBLE."

Will Carleton, writing in the current issue of the Saturday Review, recalls an amusing anecdote of Ulysses Grant.

FAITHFUL UNTO DEATH.

Records of Dogs That Have Laid Down Their Lives For Love of Their Masters.

(London Express.) The Scarborough Irish terrier that has just died on his master's grave after a five years' vigil of love and grief, has supplied one more example of the devotion of which the canine nature is capable.

THE PURCHASE OF A DOG.

When the procession started he would join in, walking decorously, but when the coffin was lowered he would look anxiously into the grave, then at the mourners, and finally at the coffin, as if to attend several funerals in widely remote places in one day.

THE PURCHASE OF A DOG.

Some times the vigor of grief has not been known to the world, and it is a sad thing to see a man who has been the captain of an artillery company of the South Carolina militia, the officer's pet dog lay meaning upon the grave of his master, refusing to eat or drink.

THE PURCHASE OF A DOG.

A small Manchester terrier, belonging to a lady now living in an eastern city, died of grief and exhaustion a few years ago. His mistress married and left her old home to reside some miles away. The dog was very fond of her and he loved the old home.

THE PURCHASE OF A DOG.

He was a weekly little fellow, but never a day without a visit, coming and returning in the evening to look after his mistress. He could not keep this up for many months, however, and soon his visits became less frequent.

SIDE LIGHTS ON HISTORY.

(From the Chicago Journal.) Mrs. W. was waiting patiently for the doctor. At last he came.

"Do," said Job, "between me and David."

Under the Union Jack of Britain.

The Personnel of the Great Imperial Council of Defence—They Would Really Give the Word of Peace or War.

In these days when any morning may see the might and majesty of England's South African-trained army and majestic navy called into service to protect her vast dominions from a possible European combination of which we at present can only dimly see the shadow, every British subject who through or by defeat shall we experience a succession of disasters such as we experienced in those early months of the South African campaign or have those two years of stress and storm, and strenuous training over and over again, and to be combined with the arms of the czar and Kaiser, backed, as they might be, by the soldiers of the "Republican France."

THE PURCHASE OF A DOG.

Every well-informed Englishman knows that the appalling sufferings of the British troops in the Crimea and the scarcely less hardships of our men in the recent South African campaign were largely attributable to the absence of a proper understanding between the heads of the army and navy, and perhaps still more to the undeniably fact that for want of a representative, consultative body, the government of the day has invariably been completely in the dark as to the requirements of the two great branches of the British fighting machine, hence the importance and absorbing interest to every British subject to know what Britain has done, and is now doing to defend or to abandon this or that outlying atom of the vast British dominions.

THE PURCHASE OF A DOG.

It is, therefore, a matter of vital importance and absorbing interest to every British subject to know what Britain has done, and is now doing to defend or to abandon this or that outlying atom of the vast British dominions.

RUSSIA AS A NAVAL POWER.

An officer admitted to the writer when visiting on board a Russian battleship recently, that a large proportion of the men are not sailors, but land districts by the conscription system. The boys—about serve from five to seven years, and are then passed into the reserve.

RUSSIA'S NATIONAL ANTHEM.

Only National Hymn Adopted as Such by Competition. The National Anthem which the bands of the Russian cruisers played when they sank at Chemulpo is not only national hymn which was adopted by competition, but it is also the only national hymn which was adopted by competition.

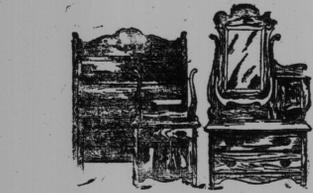
JUSTICE FOR DREYFUS.

(Boston Herald.) "It is ten years, lacking ten months, since Captain Alfred Dreyfus was sentenced. Probably the formalities that remain to be done through which in his case will occupy several months more, so that the period of the degradation and restoration will cover just about ten years. Justice is slow but it is generally sure."

A GRAND FURNITURE SALE.



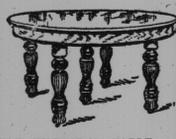
W.M. SIDEBOARD, golden finish, 16 x 28, beveled mirror, swell front, 6 feet 2 in. high.....\$17.00



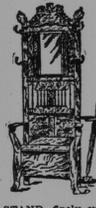
ELM E. R. SUITES, golden finish, 18 x 29 beveled mirror. Bedstead 6 feet high, large washstand, finely finished.....\$19.50



ELM EXTENSION TABLE, 40 x 45, 6 inch top, golden finish, 8 legs, extends 6 feet.....\$6.45



ELM EXTENSION TABLE, round top, 42 inches in diameter, fluted legs, extends 8 feet.....\$10.75



HALL STAND, finely cut quartered oak, polish finish, beveled mirror, 12 x 16 in.....\$10.50



ELM DINING CHAIRS, golden finish, finely carved high back, brass arms.....\$10.50



OAK EXTENSION TABLE, golden finish, top 42 x 62, fluted legs.....\$11.75



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HOW THE COST OF LIVING HAS INCREASED IN ST. JOHN.

This winter, never before, has brought the wage-earners of St. John face to face with the hard realities of life. Whether or not the unusual severity of the winter has been largely the cause, the fact remains that the cost of living in St. John has perceptibly increased and shows at the present time no tendency to lessen. If the signs which on every hand show themselves are properly interpreted, the cost of living, instead of lessening, will in the not distant future still more increase, so that the man who works to live will find the accomplishment of his task one of added difficulty. It is not alone from the wage-earner that there has come this winter complaints of the increased cost of living. All classes of people have had cause to express astonishment at the prices which have been asked for certain everyday commodities. In most instances these prices continue unvaried. To the wage-earner, however, more than to any other has the situation been brought home with all its force. He is so to speak, only a conduit pipe for the circulation of money. What he receives in the form of wages is passed by him to others for the purchase of life's necessities. If the cost of life's necessities has increased and the wage-earner's means of procuring them has not correspondingly increased, his situation in life certainly cannot be said to have improved. Such, it is claimed, is practically the wage-earner's situation in St. John today. While it is admitted that wages in many branches of work and labor have increased, the increase, generally speaking, has not kept pace with the increase in the cost of living. In one or two cases working men, who have within the past year or so enjoyed an increase in their earnings, have found themselves fairly capable of coping with the living problem. But in the generality of cases such has not been the case. As early as two years ago prominent men in this city had pronounced a coming rise in the cost of living, and that was one of the causes largely responsible for the great boom in unionism about that time. These pronouncements have been born out by subsequent events. Last winter coal was practically beyond the reach of the ordinary wage-earner. The removal of the check to the output of coal did not operate much to diminish the price. All summer it remained a high-priced commodity and this winter it increased still more in price. The high price of coal has had the effect of bringing up slightly the price of other classes of fuel, such as wood and coke. Groceries this winter are dearer than they have been at any other time within the past decade. Clothing is higher in price than it was three years ago. Dry goods in some particulars have increased in price. Rents at lower the city have advanced.

Taxes are higher than they ever were before. GROCERIES DEARER. There can be no stronger evidence that the cost of living in St. John has increased within the last ten years than to enumerate the rise (in some instances astounding) in the prices of groceries. Groceries taken altogether constitute the biggest item of expenditure in a family in the course of a year. An advance in one or two commodities, even if it were large, would possibly have little or no influence on the family purse; but an advance which includes, with a few exceptions, practically every commodity in the line of groceries calls for a substantially increased yearly expenditure by the household. The following list will show how groceries have increased in price within the past ten years: Winter 1904-5 Winter 1894-5 Beef (corner)..... 8c. to 10c. 10c. to 12c. Beef (roast) lb..... 10c. to 12c. 12c. to 13c. Sirloin, lb..... 12c. to 14c. 12c. to 16c. Mutton, lb..... 8c. to 10c. 10c. to 15c. Pork, lb..... 8c. to 10c. 10c. to 12c. Ham, lb..... 10c. to 12c. 12c. to 18c. Bacon, lb..... 10c. to 12c. 12c. to 15c. Butter (roll), lb..... 22c. to 24c. 24c. to 30c. Turkey (tin) lb..... 18c. to 19c. 19c. to 22c. Eggs, doz..... 18c. to 20c. 18c. to 40c. Carrots, peck..... 15c. to 20c. 20c. to 25c. Cabbage, each..... 5c. to 10c. 8c. to 15c. Potatoes, peck..... 50c. to 90c. 20c. to 25c. Chickens, pair..... 50c. to 80c. \$1.00 - \$1.40 Turkey, lb..... 12c. to 14c. 22c. to 25c. Finnen haddie lb..... 6c. to 7c. 5 1/2 - 6c. Cod, lb..... 4c. to 8c. 2 1/4 - 6c. Sugar, lb..... 3 1/2 - 8c. 2 1/4 - 6c. Oil, gal..... 22c. to 24c. 23c. to 26c. The only notable decrease has been in potatoes. The crop of potatoes last year was large. Up to the present farmers and dealers have been unable to dispose of all their potatoes, with the result that they find themselves compelled to reduce prices to free themselves of their surplus stock. Here is how an experienced market man sums up the grocery situation: "Groceries certainly have been dearer for the last two years than they have been for any previous two years for a long time. But St. John is not peculiarly affected, by any means. The high prices which prevail in groceries are widespread. In most instances the causes are ascertainable. Take flour, for instance, which is high-priced at all eastern points of Canada. The Canadian wheat crop last year, though large, has had to meet an increased demand. The rise in haulage rates from the west has also had its influence on the price of flour. "Butter has been high this winter. The St. John butter market depends principally for its supply upon provincial production. Butter can hardly be said to have been a scarce quantity

Table with 3 columns: Item, March, 1899, March, 1904. Items include Coal, Flour, Beef, Eggs, Butter, Footwear, Underwear, Rents, Taxes. Total increase in cost of living: 22 per cent.

of Canadian material are the most reasonable in price." DRY GOODS STEADY. There has been little or no change in dry goods. Cotton fabrics, however, are dearer than they have been for a great number of years. This is due to the recent cotton corner worked by some Southern speculators. It is generally believed by city dry goods men that the effects of the cotton corner will gradually work off, though it is thought that cotton fabrics will continue high for some time to come. Dry goods would have been high this winter if there had not been some off-setting causes. The wages of operatives have advanced and the boom in frechill has caused a general rise in rents. These causes must inevitably have operated to increase the price of dry goods had not other countervailing causes intervened. The countervailing causes were the introduction and operation of improved and less expensive means of manufacture and a resulting increased production. FOOTWEAR HAS GONE UP. Footwear has undergone a considerable increase in price. Boots and shoes are slightly dearer this year than they were last. Causes directly operating to create an advance in leather footwear are an increased cost in raw material and an advance in the wages of operatives. The most marked advance in footwear has been in rubber goods. This advance is fully ten per cent. and may be said to date from the first of March. Here, again, the cotton corner shows its far-reaching influence. Rubbers and overshoes are lined with a cotton material and the great advance in cotton explains in part the advance in rubber footwear. But the raw material from which rubbers are manufactured has itself gone up in price. A retail shoe dealer in the city recently said: "With the winter fairly advanced in rubber footwear may not be noticed, as the demand will fall off. The advance in rubber goods dates practically from the first of March, and dealers who since then have had to replenish their stock must have found themselves compelled, if they desired to make a reasonable return, to raise the selling price

to off-set the increased cost. It cannot be said, however, that there has been any very noticeable increase in the retailing price of rubber footwear, as many dealers still have on hand part of their old winter stock which they are selling at the old prices. "Most of the footwear, both rubber and leather, sold in St. John is Canadian-made. The high tariff wall keeps out pretty well United States goods, and what does come in cannot possibly compete with Canadian goods. With the single drawback of being inferior in style, Canadian footwear is better and cheaper than that made in the United States. Healthful competition within our own boundaries is keeping footwear down in price." COAL HAS REMAINED HIGH-PRICED. The hope expressed last fall that coal would be quite cheap this winter was fated to disappointment. If ever deferred hope made the heart sick it was in this case. People have used more coal this winter than they have in any previous winter for some years. The press has again and again offered explanations of the high price of coal. The coal situation may be summed up in a few words: the demand outweighs the supply. "The shortened supply has been principally due to the great severity of the winter. "I paid \$2.00 a ton for hard coal six years ago and today I pay \$7.25 for the same kind of coal," said a household the other day. "But this is not all of my woes. I have used nearly twice as much coal this winter as I used last winter, when the price of coal was higher than it ever was before or since. This has been a frightfully trying winter from the fuel standpoint. I pray it may never be repeated." RENTS GO UP ALL OVER THE CITY. When rents go up right over the tenant's head it is then that he becomes thoroughly disgruntled and starts to investigate the reason. And when he asks his landlord why he has raised the rent and gets for a reply that "the house hasn't been paying," it is no wonder that he throws up his hat and looks for another. But in a day or two he seeks out his landlord and with grumbling willingness

engages his old place at its increased rent for another year. Investigation, while it has not by any means discovered to him a satisfactory reason for the advance in rents, has also shown him that rents have indeed advanced. It is an undeniable fact that rents all over the city have gone up. In some parts of the city, notably the North End, the increase has been so large as almost to take one's breath. Tenants who for the last year have been paying a rental of \$50 have been quietly notified by their landlords that they must this year pay \$100; those who have been paying \$38 a year must after the first of May pay from \$10 to \$25. And so the increase goes on. Landlords will not attempt to explain the advance. It is not that they cannot be said to be the result of concerted action on their part; some way or other they have acted concurrently, though independently, in raising rents. TAXES, TOO. Since the year 1900 taxes in St. John have steadily climbed up, until last year they were higher than ever before. What the rate this year will be is not yet known, but from present indications it looks as though it will be higher than last year. The different municipal departments are calling for larger appropriations this year and this must mean increased taxation. Following are the rates which have obtained since 1900: 1900..... 1.53 1901..... 1.54 1902..... 1.55 1903..... 1.62 WAGES HAVE NOT INCREASED CORRESPONDINGLY. Along with the increase in the cost of living there has been no corresponding increase in wages. Within the last three years it is estimated that the cost of living in this city has increased 22 per cent. Within the same period the increase in wages all round has only been 17 per cent. In most lines of work wages have remained stationary and in a few fallen off. The following are the only lines of work in which there has been and permanent increase: Millmen..... 10 per cent. increase Carpenters..... 15 per cent. increase Hod carriers and mason's helpers..... 25 per cent. increase Tinmiths..... 25 per cent. increase Painters..... 15 per cent. increase I. C. R. employes, 15 per cent. increase City employes, 15 per cent. increase The longshoremen, from millenders, machinists and others have enjoyed little or no increase in their wages. There is a class of workers to whom the situation has by no means the brightest outlook. Clerks and store employes, who with a few exceptions are paid poorly and who enjoy few and trifling increases, must feel the situation even more pinching than the tradesman or laborer. A labor man, speaking the other day of the situation, said: "Workmen in St. John are not banking their earnings. It takes their all to live decently, sometimes none too decently. The average laboring man with a family earns from \$400 to \$450 a year. About \$150 of this goes for groceries, \$20 for rent, about \$20 for fuel and the balance for other necessities of life, such as clothing and footwear. Not one cent of his income can be saved." TO INVADE CANADA. An Army of 40,000 Men Declared to be Marching on This Country. The "Canada" publishes an extract from the New York Journal, in the shape of a Cincinnati dispatch, mentioning a movement to organize an army to march on Canada, with a view to secure its independence. All the sub-tenants of the first regiment of the Ohio National Guard are said to have received letters offering them positions on a foreign expedition. Those officers thought that the matter referred to the war between Russia and Japan, but one of them, after writing, was amazed to receive a reply dated from Montreal, and signed Wm. Wayne, 202 Victoria street, telling him that a powerful army would be ready within a month to strike the decisive blow for the independence of Canada. Forty thousand French-Canadians were already organized and partly equipped, and an equal number of Americans would also be engaged. Besides numerous recruits in France and Germany. The letter concludes as follows: "The success of our enterprise is sure, for the places have been prepared by able officers during the past five years. Nothing can resist us." As a matter of fact there is no such address as 202 Victoria street. PAPER MADE OF CORNSTALKS. Cornstalks, hundreds of thousands of them, are being used today for making paper, and the growth of the new industry is proving a boon to the western farmer as well as to the man who conserved the product. Both the shell and the pith of the stalk have been used in several mills with considerable success, the machinery necessary for separating them having been introduced about a year ago. Out in Illinois the farmers have had their fields harvested for them by a company which hauls its machinery to a farm, shucks the corn, deposits the grain in boxes, bundles the stalks into great rolls ready for shipment, and leaves the husks and fodder prepared for use as cattle feed on the farm—all in a fraction of the time it formerly required the landowner to gather in his crop. The farmer pays the machine man \$1 there, and the latter can clean up six acres a day. The stalks become the property of the company, and are shipped to the paper mill. It is estimated that a mill with a daily capacity of one hundred tons of the finished paper will require 60,000 tons of the stalks annually, and that the husking machine some day will be perfected so that it will cover fifteen acres a day. To cure H's-ache in ten minutes use KUMFORT Headache Powders.

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LOCAL NEWS.

The large Livery Sale at Hamm's Stables on Tuesday the 22nd.

Celebrated Broad Ove coal, \$7.00 per chaldron delivered, at Walters, Walker & Co., 211 St.

There were twenty-seven births in the city this week, fourteen boys and thirteen girls.

Millinery opening Wednesday, March 17th and continuing all week. Melaney, millinery importer, 41-43 King street.

The C. P. R. express from Montreal was over two hours late today, the delay being occasioned by the heavy snowfall.

The W. C. T. U. will hold a benefit concert Monday evening, March 21, in Union Hall. A good programme has been prepared.

No. 8 Bearer Co. will assemble at the armory, Union street, on Monday, 21st, 9 p. m. to begin the course of lecture and annual drill.

Grand Opening of French millinery and novelties at Manens's, 51 Charlotte street, Wednesday, Thursday and Friday, March 17th, 18th, 19th.

A. C. Lawson will address a special meeting of the W. C. T. U. in Union Hall, Sunday, at four o'clock. Rev. S. Howard in the chair. Miss Lottie Dunn will sing.

Miss J. McLaughlin will hold her millinery opening of pattern hats and bonnets on Tuesday and Wednesday, March 22nd and 23rd, at L. E. Bartley's, 107 Charlotte street.

Special sale of wall paper. All jobs and remnants must be cleared out at once. All reduced to lowest prices from 5c. up. Window shade sale at 25c. Ten days only, at McArthur's, 84 King street.

The statement made in the Star yesterday that longshoremen would lose \$100 apiece by the withdrawal of the two Allan boats referred only to those who work for the Allan line, about 100 in number.

Remember the grand concert under the auspices of the officers and members of the Scotch Company Bays' Brigade in the school-room of St. Stephen's church next Friday, 25th March. A first class programme is assured.

The concert Wednesday evening in Union Hall was held by the Sons of Temperance, and the W. C. T. U. The W. C. T. U. held their concert on March 17th in Union Hall in aid of the sea.

The funeral of George F. Forrester, who died on the 17th instant, was held this afternoon at 8 o'clock from his late residence, 7 Middle street. Rev. Mr. Appel officiated and interment was made in Fernhill cemetery.

The C. P. R. steamer Lake Manitoba sailed this afternoon between one and two o'clock with a big cargo and a fair passenger list. Among those who will return to the other side are three persons who have been adjudged inadmissible immigrants, and consequently are being deported.

The Allan liner Tunisian arrived at Halifax this morning after a good passage, with 140 passengers. Several hundred of these passengers are booked for the Canadian Northwest and westward at once, via the I. C. R. as far as this city and thence by the C. P. R.

The special revival services in the S. A. barracks, Brimley street, will be conducted by Lt. Colonel and Mrs. Sharp all day tomorrow, Sunday. The Colonel will be assisted by Mrs. Staff-Captain McLean, and the local troupe, Messrs deVries, J. A. M., 11 E. M., 1 p. m., 8 p. m. All are invited to attend.

Two large trains of immigrants passed through the city today. The first arrived here about eight o'clock this morning and the second train came in a few minutes after twelve o'clock. The immigrants landed at Halifax on the S. S. Barcelona, and are going to the Canadian Northwest.

The pastor of the Reformed Baptist church writes that the revival meetings have increased in interest and attendance. Men who have been slaves to rum and tobacco testify to having been saved and delivered from the appetite. There have also been some remarkable baptisms with the Holy Ghost. The people are cordially invited. The services will be continuing over the Sabbath and through the week.

William Kennedy and Maud Boyle are colored people. William is well known to the police, who have had him in their hands on several occasions. Miss Boyle has complained that Kennedy called her several vile names and the result is that William will be asked to explain matters. He was notified to be in court this morning, but did not put in an appearance, so a warrant was sworn out for his arrest.

BEULAH MISSION. Rev. Perry J. Stackhouse will address a temperance meeting for men Sunday afternoon at four o'clock, under the auspices of "Beulah Mission," in the W. C. T. U. Hall, King street, Carlton. The subject for the afternoon is "Habit Good and Bad." All boys and men are welcome.

There will be a public meeting at 8 1/2 p. m. to be led by Z. O. Wilson. During the evening Master Roy Carville will sing.

HE FEARS SACRIFICE. Wm. Pierce, the Newfoundland, who was sent back by the United States immigration office at Vancouver is still in jail awaiting the arrival of his trunk which were checked through to Boston. As soon as the trunk arrive Pierce will be shipped home. At present he is giving the jail officials a lot of trouble, and is a most peculiar manner. He has an idea that "they" are going to sacrifice him and that his end is near.

TWO BURNED TO DEATH. PLYMOUTH, Conn., March 19.—In the ashes of a fire which burned his night, searchers today found the body of Charles Slaw, a painter, aged 66, together with another blackened corpse, supposed to be that of Charles Buck. Slaw lived alone. Yesterday he celebrated his birthday and Buck, a neighbor, was his guest.

MONCTON NEWS

Moncton Man Dead at Calgary—

Another Charged With Forging a Note of \$18.

(Special to the Star.)

MONCTON, N. B., March 19.—Word was received here this morning of the death at Calgary, Manitoba, of Edward McLean, formerly of Moncton, but for some years employed on the Canadian Pacific in the west. He has two brothers in Moncton, Herbert, I. C. R. brakeman and Adam, in the storekeeper's office, who left for Calgary last night on receipt of news of their brother's dangerous illness.

Calais Gogan, was committed for trial yesterday on the charge of forging Gregoire Bastrache's name to a note for sixteen dollars.

Work of mail shovelling out the Moncton and Beauceville Railway, got as far as Scott's Settlement yesterday, about half way.

Rev. Thomas Boylan, of St. Joseph's College, leaves shortly on an extended trip south for the benefit of his health.

BACK TO ENGLAND. Pickersgill the Reporter, Won't Have to Break His Home After All.

The statement in the Star yesterday that William J. Pickersgill, the Englishman who was sentenced to two months' hard labor the other day, had told a straight story and did arrive in this city on the Lake Manitoba, caused considerable excitement in police circles, and many are the efforts being made to explain how the mixup happened.

Officer Finlay swore he saw Pickersgill on Mill street Saturday night. The officer points out that the steamer arrived at the island between three and four o'clock Saturday afternoon and that the first class passengers were brought to the city on the tug Lord Kitchener, and that Pickersgill probably came up with them. The steamship people do not agree with this idea, and Pickersgill himself denies that he did.

This morning his honor expressed an intention of sending Pickersgill back to Liverpool. He was engaged today breaking mail at Victoria square with the Rock Candy mine gang.

THE JAIL IS FULL. And More Prisoners Were Sent in This Morning.

Jail room is at a premium at present, and despite the recent addition to the building all the rooms are occupied.

This morning there were 84 inmates. One hobo's time was up and he departed, but two drunks were sent in shortly afterwards. Yesterday Sergt. Caples assisted him to move out of a door way on Water street, and Tom made use of expressions that were to say the least unlaudable. It is a case of paying five court twelve dollars or doing three months with the chain gang. Murray, with another drunk, who was fined four dollars, were the only two prisoners who were ordered to jail. Murray made an effort to discuss his case with the magistrate, but was quickly sent below.

THE WINTER'S SNOWFALL. The snowfall so far this winter has been very heavy. The total precipitation up to date amounts to 67.56 inches, or about five and a half feet.

The following is the precipitation by months:

November 11.50 inches.

December 8.25 inches.

January 27.40 inches.

February 12.25 inches.

March to date 7.66 inches.

Total 67.56 inches.

It is hard to estimate the snowfall in November, owing to the fact that much of the snow melted almost as soon as it rested on the ground.

WITH THE ADVERTISERS. The spring millinery opening of Manchester, Robertson, Allison Limited will be held in the spacious silk room Tuesday and Wednesday of this following week at which an elaborate display of French pattern hats, direct from Paris, will be made as well as many tailored hats, outing hats, bonnets, children's headwear, flowers, foliage, ornaments, feathers, algierettes, opeyrea, and all kinds of millinery materials. The opening will undoubtedly be a highly creditable one.

A COLORED DISAGREEMENT. William Kennedy and Maud Boyle are colored people. William is well known to the police, who have had him in their hands on several occasions.

Miss Boyle has complained that Kennedy called her several vile names and the result is that William will be asked to explain matters. He was notified to be in court this morning, but did not put in an appearance, so a warrant was sworn out for his arrest.

BEULAH MISSION. Rev. Perry J. Stackhouse will address a temperance meeting for men Sunday afternoon at four o'clock, under the auspices of "Beulah Mission," in the W. C. T. U. Hall, King street, Carlton. The subject for the afternoon is "Habit Good and Bad." All boys and men are welcome.

There will be a public meeting at 8 1/2 p. m. to be led by Z. O. Wilson. During the evening Master Roy Carville will sing.

HE FEARS SACRIFICE. Wm. Pierce, the Newfoundland, who was sent back by the United States immigration office at Vancouver is still in jail awaiting the arrival of his trunk which were checked through to Boston. As soon as the trunk arrive Pierce will be shipped home. At present he is giving the jail officials a lot of trouble, and is a most peculiar manner. He has an idea that "they" are going to sacrifice him and that his end is near.

TWO BURNED TO DEATH. PLYMOUTH, Conn., March 19.—In the ashes of a fire which burned his night, searchers today found the body of Charles Slaw, a painter, aged 66, together with another blackened corpse, supposed to be that of Charles Buck. Slaw lived alone. Yesterday he celebrated his birthday and Buck, a neighbor, was his guest.

PERSONALS.

D. J. Purdy, M. P. P., and Ed. Lantieri, M. P. F., arrived last night from Fredericton.

Miss Holden returned to her home in St. John yesterday after a pleasant visit with her aunt, Mrs. T. C. Allen at the Peoples, Fredericton.

Mark Tapley of the Royal Bank of Canada, Woodstock, has been transferred to St. John.

Miss Haslampton, of St. John, is visiting the Misses Brown of Greenbank.

Miss Edith Johnson, of St. Stephen, is visiting in St. John.

Mrs. Douglas Fairweather, of Sussex, has rented her home and has come to St. John to reside with her son, Walter.

Misses Jennie and Libbie Walker, of Chatham, are visiting their sister, Mrs. Edward Brett, St. John.

Miss Ida Tennant, of St. John, is the guest of Mrs. W. H. Tennant, Amherst.

Mrs. James Moffat, of Amherst, is visiting her daughter, Mrs. (Dr.) Wheeler of the West side.

Miss Nellie Shaw, who has been visiting her brothers in Sydney, has returned to St. John.

Miss L. Melaney has returned from New York.

SABBATH OBSERVANCE.

To the Editor of the Star. Sir:—The matter of Sabbath observance comes up for consideration occasionally, and has recently been brought before the public by the resignation of Mr. Hanington as one of the board of management of Rockwood Park.

Now, as it is a matter of conscience to go there on Sunday than on other days. Therefore, would we not suppose, as the park is intended for a Sunday resort, there should be some arrangement made for the comfort of those visiting the park on that day? I fail to see where the sanctity of the Sabbath would in any way be disregarded if a place being open where a lot of tea or coffee or a lunch might be had. I don't know that we are forbidden to eat and drink on the Sabbath day.

There appears to be a strange inconsistency about the way the Sabbath law is administered in this city. Boys and young men are allowed to play ball, snowshoes and skate on Sunday. I can sit in my house and see from fifty to sixty boys skating on Sunday, when the ice is at all at for skating. But if a person should attempt to have anything from spoiling from bad weather, he would very likely be brought before the courts and fined, as I know a man was fined \$10 for getting a load of hay off this same piece of ground that the boys are skating on every Sunday. J. G.

THE BILL CHANGED.

Owing to the illness of Miss Nannary the performance of Young Mrs. Wintrop, which was advertised for today's performance, has been withdrawn, and The Fatal Wedding substituted. Those who have not yet seen this piece should do so tonight. For the same reason the management have been compelled to withdraw The Fatal Case advertised for Monday next and to substitute The Fire Patrol. This is a very strong melodrama and one that is bound to create a sensation. One of the great scenes in it is a stamp mill in full operation. Special scenery is being painted and when the curtain rises on Monday evening those present can look for another success like The Fatal Wedding. Every member of the company will be seen in a very strong role.

VITAL STATISTICS.

Eight deaths were reported to the board of health this week:

Phthisis 1

Fracture of skull 1

Senility 1

Menigitis 1

Inanition 1

Prostatic disease 1

Capillary bronchitis 1

Congestion of lungs 1

Total 8

Three cases of scarlet fever were reported this week.

THE MARKET.

The market is stocked today with a fair quantity of produce. Prices are ruling about the same. Eggs are more reasonable today than they have been for weeks, and are selling at from 26c. to 28c. per dozen. Butter both in tubs and in roll is going at from 22c. to 24c. a pound. Beef by the carcass is bringing from 6 to 8 per lb. Potatoes and carrots are as low as \$1.25 a barrel.

THIS EVENING.

Dalley Stock Company at Opera House in The Fatal Wedding.

Closing of Victoria Rink for the season.

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A complete set of Manufacturer's Samples at wholesale prices. Sizes 21 and 22. Prices 50c. to \$1.10.

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