

W. C. MILNER GIVES HIS IDEAS ABOUT FREE COAL

He Believes That Canadian Shipments to the United States Would Be Largely Increased, While the Home Mines Would Not Suffer From Competition.

SUNBURY COUNCIL HAS OBJECTIONS TO FREDERICTON'S PROPOSED SYSTEM OF SEWERAGE.

But the Contract Was Signed Yesterday—Work to Commence Next May—Cost Will Be \$42,013

NOVA SCOTIA NEWS Seymour Gourley Reported to Be Dying.

FRURO Knitting Company to Extend Plant—Sandy McDougall Dead From His Injuries.

PRICE OF LOBSTERS MUCH TOO HIGH

Traveling Man Says They Should Be Cheaper. Assertion is Made That the Maine Lobster Supply is in the Hands of a Trust.

SCHOONER SAKATA LOST; ST. JOHN MAN DROWNED.

J. Fred. Williams, Also of This City, Only Member of the Crew Who Survived—John Cox of This Port Was Steward

The Universal Cake Baker. At this season should be very popular in every house. Think of the labor and time it will save during this month. If you haven't seen, look for it. If you haven't bought, buy it. PRICE \$2.00. Raisin Seeders. The Enterprise, Price \$1.00. The X Ray, Price 70 cts. W.H. THORNE & CO., Ltd. Market Square, St. John, N. B.

MORE PLEASURE AND LESS DRINK

Fewer Workhouses, Smaller Charities, Larger Wages Is John Burns' Ideal.

ALBERT CO. LADY WEDS CAMPBELLTON MAN

HOPEWELL HILL, N. B., Dec. 28.—A very happy and interesting event took place in the Baptist Church here last evening, when Miss Margaret McGorman, second daughter of Mr. and Mrs. William McGorman, was united in marriage to David Alexander Stewart, of Campbellton, N. B.

WEALTHY CITIZEN OF PORTLAND FOUND DEAD

CHARLOTTE, N. C., Dec. 28.—Chas. Hanson, a wealthy citizen of Portland, Maine, was found dead in bed today at Hunter's Lodge, the winter residence of General Bond, a few miles from Lumberton, N. C.

REGENT DEATHS.

AMHERST, N. S., Dec. 27.—Dr. Robert Mitchell, the oldest medical practitioner in Cumberland, died at his residence here this morning of pneumonia at the age of seventy-two.

SKETCH OF LATE DR. MITCHELL'S LIFE

The following is a brief sketch of the life of Dr. Robert Mitchell of Amherst, an account of whose death appears elsewhere in this paper: Dr. Mitchell studied medicine in Edinburgh, and in early life practiced his profession at Minudie, Cumberland Co., whence he travelled over a large extent of country, establishing a high reputation.

CONTRACTOR BUYS MONGTON PROPERTY

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ENGINEER TRIED TO STOP HIS TRAIN

Saw Red Fusee Thrown Out By the Train Ahead and Shut Off Steam.

TRACKMEN GET INCREASED WAGES

C. P. R. Grants Requests—Negotiations Brought to a Close (Special to the Sun.)

CANDIDATES FOR FEDERAL BY-ELECTION.

SHERBROOKE, Dec. 28.—Nomination of candidates for the by-election for the federal house took place this forenoon at Cookshire. Only two names, A. B. Hunt (liberal) and R. H. Pope (conservative) were nominated.

THE NECESSITY OF A SCALE ON THE FARM.

We believe that most farmers realize the necessity of owning a good, reliable scale. Selling and buying so much by weight he must realize that a little inaccuracy in his dealer's scales means considerable loss to him.

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PORTERS IN TROUBLE... Rites Concerning Riots There... Extracts from two... Full state. Three... F. A. SUCCESSFUL MAN... HEALTH IN... I had Kidney... BIRTH... ABITIBBI... Months... Management... NGES... MANAGEMENT... 22.—Dr. Sin...

MAIN STREET IS THE BOUNDARY LINE

H. F. Hall Home on Visit From Lloydminster

Tells of Record Railway Building—How the Alberta Election Was Won—Busy Time in the West.

A MARVELLOUS CHANGE. "It was two and one half years ago," said Mr. Hall...

BOUNDARY LINE DIVIDES TOWN. The present boundary line between the new provinces of Saskatchewan and Alberta passes through the heart of the town...

ENGLISHMEN GOOD COLONISTS. "The much laughed at Englishman," declared Mr. Hall, "is proving himself a very fine colonist..."

WINNIPEG, Dec. 28.—Hon. Frank Oliver and Hon. Walter Scott, premier of Saskatchewan, arrived in the city on Saturday...

JAMES J. HILL TO RETIRE FROM WORK

America's Foremost Railroad Man Wants to Loaf

His Son Will Succeed Him as President of the Great Northern Railroad—A Great Canadian.

NEW YORK, Dec. 27.—A St. Paul despatch to the Times says that it was announced that James J. Hill, President of the Great Northern Railway...

two weeks spent the greater part of the time at the Minnesota Club, and has even invaded the billiard room...

The Struggle For Breath IN ASTHMA AND BRONCHITIS IS PROMPTLY RELIEVED BY DR. CHASE'S SYRUP OF LINSEED AND TURPENTINE

The wonderful success of Dr. Chase's Syrup of Linseed and Turpentine in relieving the terrible paroxysms of asthma and the hard, dry cough of bronchitis...

Persons who have suffered from asthma for years tell us that they never found anything to bring such prompt and lasting relief.

TORONTO, Dec. 26.—Toronto had a green Christmas. There was a slight shower of snow during the early morning...

MONGTON MAN ELECTED PRESIDENT

Of the New England Association of General Baggage Agents—N. B. Girl Wedded in Cambridge.

BOSTON, Dec. 27.—The new president of the New England Association of General Baggage Agents, is George C. Allen, of Moncton...

A wedding of considerable prominence was solemnized at 7 Prospect street, Cambridge, Monday night...

RAISE HOGS IN NEW BRUNSWICK

Indian Pork Commands High Price in England And Farmers Are Right, Says a Correspondent, in Having the Government Shut Out American Hogs.

To the Editor of the Sun: Sir—Unfortunately for us, we in New Brunswick are not exporters of bacon or meats of any kind...

The subject discussed in the Globe's editorial referred to, was as to whether Canadian farmers were or were not right in asking that the importation of United States hogs be stopped...

On the very day that this matter was discussed in the Globe the Liverpool quotations on bacon were as follows: Canadian bacon, 52s. to 55s. 6d.

TORONTO, Ont., Dec. 27.—The health officer of Melancthon township, Dufferin county, reports to secretary Dr. Hodgett of the Provincial Board of Health that up to the 21st there were 84 cases of smallpox in the township...

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A TIME OF PAIN AND PERIL



Miss Emma Cole Says that Lydia E. Pinkham's Vegetable Compound has Saved Her Life and Made Her Well

How many lives of beautiful young girls have been sacrificed just as they were ripening into womanhood! How many irregularities or displacements have been developed at this important period, resulting in years of suffering!

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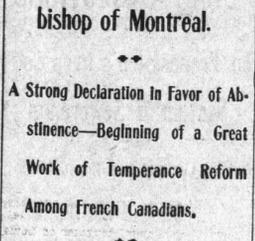
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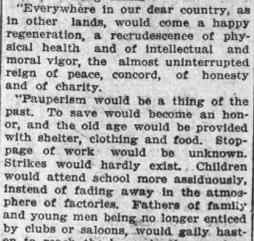
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children and young men, upon whom we must rely to form the sober generation of the future.

A TEN YEAR OLD GIRL WHO WRITES POETRY.

Little Miss Vera Vincent, aged ten, of 141-1/2 Waterloo street, who was one of the winners in the Star's Santa Claus letter competition...

GOD'S BEST GIFT TO MAN.

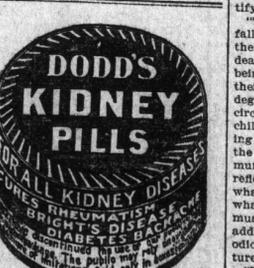
I hear the bells of Christmas, Telling their story abroad, Of the beautiful, beautiful present, That was sent from our own, true God.

SEVERE KIDNEY TROUBLE.

Mrs. Geo. Lawson, Concession, Ont., writes: "Dr. Chase's Kidney-Liver Pills completely cured me of constipation, rheumatism, stomach troubles and a very severe kidney trouble...

VICTORIA, B. C., Dec. 26.—News has reached Victoria in the Australian mail of the wreck of the barge Entine La Bella...

MONTRÉAL, Dec 27.—James Dougal, for the last sixteen years chief hardware appraiser of Montréal, died here tonight.



Vertical text on the far right edge of the page, including names like 'Jane' and '17's eye'.

WHEN KNIGHTHOOD WAS IN FLOWER

On The Love Story of Charles Brandon and Mary Tudor, the King's Sister, and Happening in the Reign of His August Majesty King Henry the Eighth

By EDWIN CASKODEN [CHARLES MAJOR]

(Continued.)

There was one thing that troubled her greatly, and all the time. Henry had given his word that Brandon should be liberated as soon as Mary had left the shores of England, but he had heard nothing of this matter, although he had received several letters from home. A doubt of her brother, in whom she had little faith at best, made an ache at her heart which seemed at times likely to break—so she said. One night she dreamed that she had witnessed Brandon's execution, her brother standing by in excellent humor at the stake he was playing her, and it so worked upon her waking hours that by evening she was ill. At last she received a letter from Brandon, which she found delayed along the coast, containing only the words: "I told of his full pardon and restoration to favor, greater even than before, and her joy was so sweet and quiet and yet so softly delicious that I tell you plainly it brought tears to my eyes, and I could not hold them back."

The marriage, when once determined upon, had not cast her down nearly so deep as I had expected, and soon she grew to be quite cheerful and happy. This filled me with regret, for I thought of how Brandon must suffer, and felt that his heart was a poor, flimsy thing to take this trouble so lightly. I spoke to Jane about it, but she only laughed. "Mary is all right," said she. "Do not fear. Matters will turn out better than you think, perhaps. You know she generally manages to have her own way in the end."

"If you had any comfort to give, please give it, Jane. I feel most keenly for Brandon, heart beat as Mary's willful, changeable creature to such a willful, changeable creature as Mary." "Sir Edwin Caskoden, you need not take the trouble to speak to me at all unless you can use language more respectful concerning my mistress. The queen knows what she is about, but it appears that you cannot see it. I see it plainly though, although no wonder, has ever been spoken to me on the subject. As to Brandon being tied to her, it seems to me she is tied to him and that he holds the reins. He could drive her into the mouth of purgatory."

"Do you think so?" "I know it!" "I remained in thought a moment or two and concluded that she was right. In truth, the time had come to me when I believed that Jane, with her good sense and acute discernment, could not be wrong in anything, and I think so yet. I took comfort on the faith from her and asked, "Do you remember what you said should happen before we return to England?" "Jane hung her head. "I remember." "Well?" "She then put her hand in mine and murmured, "I am ready any time you wish."

"Great heaven! I thought I should go to sleep so yet. I look comfort on the faith from her and asked, "Do you remember what you said should happen before we return to England?" "Jane hung her head. "I remember." "Well?" "She then put her hand in mine and murmured, "I am ready any time you wish."

"Oh, you goose!" she said laughingly. "He is almost as great a fool as Henry." Then the tears came to her eyes, and half angrily, half hysterically, she said to me: "Do you not know? Can you not see that I would give this hand of my eyes, almost my life, just to fall upon my face in front of Charles Brandon at this moment? Do you not know that a woman with a love in her heart such as I have for him is safe from every one and every thing that is not an anchor, sure and fast? Have you not yet enough to know that?" "Yes, I have," I responded, for the time completely silenced. With her favorite tactics she had, as usual, put me in the wrong, though I soon came again to the attack.

"But he is so base that I grieve to see you with him." "I suppose he is not very good," she responded, "but it seems to be the way of these people among whom I have fallen, and he cannot harm me." "Oh, but he can! One does not get near smallpox, and there is a moral contagion quite as dangerous, if not more perceptible, and equally to be avoided. It must be a wonderfully healthy moral nature, pure and chaste to the core, that will be entirely contagion proof and safe from it."

young queen soon took it upon herself to make life a burden to the father of His People, and in that particular line I suppose she had no equal in all the length and breadth of Christendom. I heartily detested King Louis, largely, I think, because of prejudice absorbed from Mary, but he was in fact, a fairly good old man, and at times I could but pity him. He was always soft in heart and softer in head, especially where women were concerned. Take his crazy attempt to seize the Countess of Croy while he was yet Duke of Orleans, and his infatuation for the Italian woman, for whom he built the elaborate burial vault—much it must have comforted her! Then his marriage to dictatorial little Anne of Brittany, for whom he had induced Pope Alexander to divorce him from the crippled and blind Joan. In consideration of this divorce he had put Cesar Borgia, Pope Alexander's son, on his feet, financially and politically. I think he must have wanted the owl back again before he was done with Anne, because Anne was a temptress and ruled him with the heaviest rod of iron she could lift.

But this last passion, the dicker, sputtering flame of his dotage, was the worst of all, both subjectively and objectively, both as to his sense of honor for the English princess and her implied tormenting of him. From the first he evinced the most violent delight in Mary, who repaid it by holding him out and evading him in a manner so cool, audacious and adroit that it stamped her queen of all the arts feminine and demonic. Pardon me, ladies, if I couple these two arts, but you must admit they are at times most completely that for days he would have a glimpse of her, while she was perhaps riding, walking or coquetting with some of the court galleons, who sided and abetted her in every way they could. He became almost frantic in pursuit of his elusive bride, and almost expostulate with her, when he could catch her and smile unreasonably like a man who is the victim of a tactical joke of which he does not see or enjoy the point. On such occasions she would laugh in his face, then grow angry—which was so easy for her to do—and, I grieve to say, would sometimes almost swear at him in a manner to make the pious think of him as a virtuous court lady shudder with horror. She would at other times make sport of his youthful ardor and tell him in all seriousness that it was indecorous for him to behave so and frighten her, a poor, timid little child, with his impetuosity. She would manage to give him the slip, and he would go off and play a game of cards with himself, firmly convinced in his own feeble way that woman's nature had a tincture of the devil in it. He was the soul of conciliatory kindness to the young queen, but at times she would break violently into tears, accuse him of being unduly interfering, a helpless woman and a stranger in his court, and threaten to go home to dear old England and tell her brother, King Henry, all about it and have him put things to right and redress her wrongs generally. In fact, she acted the part of injured innocence so perfectly that the poor old man would apologize for the wrongs she invented and try to coax her into a good humor. Thereupon she would weep more bitterly than ever, grow hysterical and require to be carried off by her women, when recovery and composure were usually instantaneous. Of course she usually soon carried stories of the quick recoveries to the king, and when he spoke to Mary of them she would be riding with some of the young people in the forest. When she returned—through the window—she went to the door and scolded the poor old king for keeping her waiting pennant up in her room all the morning. And he apologized!

Mary would often pour forth for days together and pretend illness. Upon one occasion she kept the king waiting at her door all the morning, while she, having slipped through the window, was riding with some of the young people in the forest. When she returned—through the window—she went to the door and scolded the poor old king for keeping her waiting pennant up in her room all the morning. And he apologized!

At night she would have her balls and keep him up all morning, drinking and dancing, trying to dance with her until his poor old heels, and his head, too, for that matter, were like to fall off; then she would slip away from him and lock herself in her room. December, say, I let Mary alone; she certainly will kill you. Despite which sound advice, I don't know December will go on coveting May up to the end of the chapter, each old fellow—being such a fine man for his age, you understand—fondly believing himself an exception. Age in a fool is damnable. Mary was killing Louis as certainly, and deliberately as if she were teaching him slow poison. He was very wealthy and decrepit at best, being compelled frequently upon public occasions, such

for example, as the coronation tournament of which I have spoken, to lie upon a couch. Mary's conduct was really cruel, but then, remember the provocation, and that she was acting in self defense. All this was easier for her than you might suppose, for the king's grasp of power, never very strong, was beginning to relax even what little grip it had. All faces were turned toward the rising sun, young Francis, duke of Angoulême, the king's distant cousin, who would soon be king in Louis' place. As this young rising sun, himself vastly smitten with Mary, openly encouraged her in what she did, the courtiers of course followed suit, and the old king found himself surrounded by a court ready to be amused by his lively young queen, and his pleasure. This condition of affairs Mary welcomed with her whole soul, and to accept it and all assurance, I fear, played ever so lightly and coyly upon the heartstrings of the young duke, which responded to her touch by her velvet tooth and almost voluptuous caresses. As this young rising sun, himself vastly smitten with Mary, openly encouraged her in what she did, the courtiers of course followed suit, and the old king found himself surrounded by a court ready to be amused by his lively young queen, and his pleasure. This condition of affairs Mary welcomed with her whole soul, and to accept it and all assurance, I fear, played ever so lightly and coyly upon the heartstrings of the young duke, which responded to her touch by her velvet tooth and almost voluptuous caresses.

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"I wish also to thank your majesty for the thousand kindnesses you have shown me," I said, "and, although it grieves me to the heart to separate from you, circumstances compel me to tender my resignation as your master of dance." Upon this he was kind enough to express regret and ask me to reconsider, but I stood my ground firmly, and then there ended my official relations with Henry Tudor forever. Upon taking my leave of the king I sought Brandon, whom I found comfortably ensconced in our old quarters, but he was not in. He had been taken to some other part of the palace. The king had given him some new furnishings for them, and as I was to remain a few days to attend to some matters of business, he invited me to share his comfort with him, and I gladly did so. The few days that I spent there were far from individually. Thereafter I was to be so mysteriously intermingled with Jane that I was only a part—and a small part at that, I fear—of two. I did not, of course, regret the change, since it was the one thing in life I most longed for, yet the period was tinged with a faint sentiment of paths at parting from the old life that had been so kind to me and which I was leaving forever. I say I did not regret it, and, though I was leaving my old haunts and companions and friends so dear to me, I was finding them again in Jane, who was friend as well as wife to the king's ward. Mary's letter was in one of my boxes which had been delayed, and Jane was to forward it to me when it should come. When I told Brandon of it, I dwelt with emphasis upon its bulk and he, of course, was delighted and impatient to have it. I had put the letter in the box, but there was something else which Mary had sent to him that I had carried with me. It was a sum of money sufficient to pay the debt against his father's estate and, in addition, to buy some large tracts of land adjoining. Brandon did not hesitate to accept the money and seemed glad that it had come from Mary, she doubtless, being the only person from whom he would have taken it. One of Brandon's sisters had married a rich merchant at Ipswich, and another was soon to marry a Scotch gentleman. The brother would probably never marry, so Brandon would have to take charge of the estates. In fact, he afterwards lived there many years, and as Jane and I had purchased a little estate near by, which had been generously added to by Jane's uncle, we saw a great deal of him. But I am getting ahead of my story again.

die, you will see that I was right. Not long after this Lady Caskoden and I were given permission to return to England, and immediately prepared for our homeward journey. As we left, Mary placed in my hands a letter for Brandon, whose bulk was so reassuring that I knew he had never been out of her thoughts. I looked at the letter a moment and said, in all seriousness, "Your majesty, had I not better provide an extra box for it?" She gave a nervous little laugh, and the tears filled her eyes as she whispered huskily: "I fancy there is one who will not think it too large. Goodbye, goodby!" So we left Mary, fair, sweet girl queen, all alone among those terrible strangers. Alone with one little English maiden, seven years of age, Anne Boleyn.

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The second letter said that dynamite will be used. Mr. Crouse says that an attempt will be made on the lives of his family if he does not produce the money.

DR. A. W. CHASE'S 25c. CATARRH CURE. Is sent direct to the diseased part of the body. Heals the ureters, clears the air passages, relieves the bladder, and cures throat and permanent cures Catarrh and Hay Fever. Sufferers will get a free copy of the book. All dealers, or Dr. A. W. Chase, Medicine Co., Toronto and Buffalo.

For 33 Years Shiloh's Consumption Cure, the Lung Tonic, has been before the public, and its success with the fact that its sales have steadily increased year by year, is the best proof of the merit of Shiloh as a cure for Coughs, Colds, and all diseases of the lungs and air passages. Those who have used Shiloh would not be without it. Those who have never used it should know that every bottle is filled with a positive guarantee. If it doesn't cure you, the dealer will refund what you paid for it. Shiloh Has Cured thousands of the most obstinate cases of Coughs, Colds and Lung troubles. Let it cure you. "Last winter I coughed for three months and though I was using the best medicine I could get, I could not get any relief. I bought a bottle of Shiloh's Consumption Cure. Four bottles of Shiloh's Consumption Cure cured me. I was not able to speak, my lungs were sore and I was unable to get any rest. I bought a bottle of Shiloh's Consumption Cure. It cured me. I have given it to several people. It has cured them all. I have been cured. I got Joseph, St. Hyacinthe, Que. 25c. with guarantee at all druggists.

YORK LOAN CO. SHAREHOLDERS Will Have a Long Wait For Their Money.

The following circular dealing with the affairs of the York County Loan Co. has been received from the liquidators. It will be found to contain information of much interest to shareholders. In order that the shareholders of the York County Loan and Savings Co. may have an authoritative statement as to the present position of affairs the liquidator begs to make the following report: THE COMPANY'S ASSETS. The liquidator finds upon the books of the company a substantial body of assets, which are being listed, enumerated and valued as rapidly as possible, and which consist mainly of cash on hand, collections still due from the company's collectors, mortgages, stocks and bonds and house property; also a very large tract of vacant land in the city of Toronto, which is well situated and will be sold in such a manner as in the opinion of the court will produce the best results. The liquidator will not be able for many months to give an accurate estimate of the return to shareholders, but at the present moment and pending further enquiry the estate promises to realize a very substantial sum.

THE COMPANY'S LIABILITIES. The company's liabilities, except to shareholders, are apparently inconsiderable, but will be definitely ascertained by the usual advertisement for creditors in due course. It is the liquidator's earnest desire that shareholders should not be put to any expense in the presentation of their claims. Shareholders will, therefore, please send their claims to the liquidator at the above address, and the receipts for same will be mailed to them. The books and correspondence affecting the claims will be filed and in due course each claim will be dealt with in the course of the liquidator's enquiry. Where the amount shown due by the receipt book is verified by the books of the company the liquidator will report the claim to the court for approval, and notify the shareholders. Where there is any difference the liquidator will communicate with the shareholder and adjust the amount due. In order that the claim may be reported to the court for approval and a contest avoided. Shareholders may rest assured that they will have ample opportunity of making whatever representation they desire, but owing to the great number of those interested the liquidator is at present forced to file unanswered all letters with respect to shareholders' claims. These, however, will be dealt with and answered at the proper time. In order that the progress of the liquidation the liquidator will supply all available particulars to the press from time to time.

NATIONAL TRUST CO., LTD., Liquidator, York County Loan and Savings Co. Toronto, Dec. 22nd, 1905.

TORONTO, Ont., Dec. 26.—Investigation into the affairs of the York County Loan Co. began this morning before W. H. Crook, judge of the court, who was attracted for that purpose. The proceedings attracted but little interest, only about a dozen spectators being present. The first witness examined was Jos. Phillips, president of the defunct concern. C. C. McMaster conducted the examination for the investigators. Phillips began by explaining the development of the company. In the course of the hearing he stated that the first part simply dealt with mortgages and then purchased land for development. When the company got into the land business it was discovered that more would have to be purchased in order to obtain control of a district and to protect that already in possession of the company. It developed that the company's last statement under the heading of loans secured by mortgages really represented land transferred to the City Realty Co., a concern which was owned by the loan company. Asked to give reasons for the company's refusal to pay the mortgages, Phillips said it was due to the absence of the loaned funds had matured. The company when the withdrawal period had arrived, and for this he said the Ontario government was largely responsible, as it had cancelled the forfeiture clause of the company two years ago and thereby largely weakened public confidence. In 1905 the amount withdrawn increased from \$100,000 to \$1,500,000. In addition the absence of the loaned funds had matured. The transfer of the company's business to the Dominion Permanent Loan Co. had been arranged because of the York company's lack of funds to meet its obligations. The office building of the company had cost \$54,000, and thirty-four houses erected on the company's property cost \$220,000.

BLACK HAND THREATENS RICH MAN. SYRACUSE, N. Y., Dec. 26.—Chas. M. Crouse, one of the wealthiest men in Syracuse, has received two strange letters, from some person who pretends to be a member of the black hand, threatening to blow up his house if he did not place \$2,400 in cash in a cigar box on the curb in front of his residence, to be called for in the night. The letters have been turned over to the police.

The second letter said that dynamite will be used. Mr. Crouse says that an attempt will be made on the lives of his family if he does not produce the money.

DR. A. W. CHASE'S 25c. CATARRH CURE. Is sent direct to the diseased part of the body. Heals the ureters, clears the air passages, relieves the bladder, and cures throat and permanent cures Catarrh and Hay Fever. Sufferers will get a free copy of the book. All dealers, or Dr. A. W. Chase, Medicine Co., Toronto and Buffalo.

OTTAWA MOURNS PREFONTAINE'S DEATH.

Already Politicians are Speculating Regarding His Successor—The West Demands Another Representative.

OTTAWA, Dec. 26.—Raymond Prefontaine is dead. This was the startling news that flashed through the city tonight, and general and profound were the expressions of sorrow. The intelligence came from Paris in the form of a brief cablegram to Sir Wilfrid Laurier from Solicitor General Lemieux, announcing the sudden death of the minister of marine, and promising details later. The message reached the first minister shortly after he had partaken of his Christmas dinner this evening, and, needless to say, it came as a severe blow to Sir Wilfrid at the close of a pleasant day. The first minister telephoned the sad news to His Excellency and to such of the ministers as are in town. Up to a late hour tonight Sir Wilfrid had not received any particulars of his late colleague's sudden demise.

In Montreal and Ottawa, where he was so well known, the late minister's genial countenance and familiar form will be greatly missed. He left Ottawa for England just a few weeks ago, on his project of a Canadian naval reserve, and sanguine that he would receive the heartiest co-operation of the British government in pushing his scheme on a practical working basis. It was on the conclusion of his negotiations with the authorities in Downing street, that in company with his private secretary, Mr. Clement, and Mr. Lemieux, solicitor general, he went over to Paris to spend the Christmas holidays, expecting to return to Canada in January. There was no premonition of his sudden death when Mr. Prefontaine left here. He was apparently in the best of health and his spirits were full of plans for making his department useful to the public. The evening before his departure from Ottawa, our correspondent had an hour's conversation with him on departmental affairs. Mr. Prefontaine was emphatic in his declaration to reform the St. Lawrence pilotage system by getting it out of the hands of a family compact, but that duty will be performed by another Mr. Prefontaine had both friends and enemies, but the former vastly outnumbered the latter. Loyal Canadians will long remember his patriotic attitude at the time of the departure of the Canadians for South Africa.

MONTREAL, Dec. 26.—So far no details have been received of the death of Mr. Prefontaine beyond a brief despatch from his private secretary, Mr. Clement, announcing that the event occurred at nine o'clock and was due to an angina pectoris. He suffered, however, the family being notified and said that arrangements were being made to take the body to Canada. PARIS, Dec. 26.—Mr. Prefontaine, accompanied by Randolph Lemieux, the Canadian solicitor general, recently came to France in connection, it is said, with the establishment of a line of steamers between Marseilles and the Canadian ports. Soon after his arrival in Paris the minister complained that he was suffering from heart trouble, but he continued to fill his engagements. During the progress of the debate given in his honor, Dec. 21st, he was seen to be unwell, but this at the time was attributed to emotion while replying to a toast to his health.

The minister on Saturday visited the Hotel Continental, returning to the Hotel Continental, he was compelled to take to his bed and a physician was sent for. The latter pronounced Mr. Prefontaine's illness to be serious, and a specialist was called into consultation. Complete rest was advised and all engagements were cancelled. At 9 o'clock tonight the administration of medicine was followed by a choking spasm, and the death occurred immediately. The British ambassador, Sir Francis L. Bertie, was notified by Mr. Lemieux, and arrangements for the funeral of the minister were at once begun.

Hon. Joseph Raymond F. Prefontaine, B. C. L. C., the son of T. F. Prefontaine, was born at Longueuil, Que., Sept. 16, 1850. He was educated by private tuition and at St. Mary's College, Montreal, and McGill University. He was called to the bar in 1873. In 1878 he was made a Q. C. and was afterwards the head of the firm of Prefontaine, Archer, Perron & Taschereau. He served in the City Council of Montreal, and was elected mayor of that city in 1890 and re-elected in 1900. Mr. Prefontaine was a director of several trading and commercial companies. He represented Chambly in the Quebec legislature from 1876 to 1881. He was elected to the house of commons for Chambly in 1886, and re-elected at the general elections of 1887; re-elected at the general elections of 1891, and re-elected for the new constituency of Maisonneuve at the general elections of 1896. He ran in two constituencies in 1900, and was elected for both, namely, Maisonneuve and Terrebonne. Sworn for the Privy Council and appointed minister of marine and fisheries Nov. 11, 1902; re-elected for Maisonneuve, Dec. 9, 1903, by a majority of 1,800, and at the general elections, 1904. He married, June, 1876, Hermantine, daughter of the late Hon. L. B. Rolland.

OTTAWA, Ont., Dec. 26.—Citizens of Ottawa have not yet recovered from the shock which the news of the death of Mr. Prefontaine caused them. Laurier had to go to Quebec today in connection with the Parent-Choquette libel case, and on his return it is expected that a state funeral will be decided upon by the cabinet. A cable message from Clement, private secretary to the late minister, to Gourdeau, deputy minister, reads as follows: "Minister died this evening almost suddenly. Will leave with body next steamer."

It is not known whether the remains will be transported to Canada via Halifax or New York, but interment will take place in Montreal. Among the many messages of condolence received today was one from Premier Rouvier of France, which Sir Wilfrid caused to be immediately transmitted to Mme. Prefontaine and the members of the family. His excellency the governor general sent a sympathetic telegram to Mme. Prefontaine.

HIS SUCCESSOR. Already politicians are speculating as to who will succeed the late minister. The names of Solicitor General Lemieux, Belcourt, M. P. for Ottawa, and H. Gervais, M. P. for St. James division of Montreal, are mentioned. It is contended by many that Quebec has an undue proportion of the ministers in the government, and for this reason the chances are thought to favor Belcourt. On the other hand the west is clamoring for another representative in the cabinet, but just at present there does not seem to be material in the western representation out of which ministers are made, unless Ralph Smith of Nanaimo, fills the bill. It is rumored that there will be a shuffle of portfolios and should Smith be the fortunate man, he will, amongst other duties, be charged with the administration of the department of labor.

A MEMORIAL SERVICE. LONDON, Dec. 26.—A memorial service will be held over the remains of Hon. Raymond Prefontaine at the Church of Madeleine, the most famous of the great churches of the French capital. The body was being shipped to Halifax for shipment to Halifax. The Canadian Associated Press learns that Mr. Prefontaine with his colleague, Hon. Mr. Lemieux, was a former member of the Canadian mission in Paris, France, for Christmas, 1904. He was stricken at 8.45 in the evening and only lingered a quarter of an hour. He called his private secretary, who was able to summon a priest in time to administer the sacraments. The flag at Lord Strathcona's offices is half-mast today.

FISHERMAN LOST LIFE IN COLLISION

William Rogers Sank Before He Could be Rescued—A Sad Case

CANNO, Dec. 26.—The sad news was brought in this afternoon by the Canso haddock fleet that in the fishing in Chebucto Bay today, William Rogers and his brother John, who were dory mates, were run down by the fishing boat ELLIDA M. Horton, and their dory upset. John managed to catch hold of the boat, but William was thrown overboard and quickly sank. Although it was fine and comparatively smooth and moderate when the fleet went out early this morning, a strong northwest gale came up before noon and made fishing extremely difficult and dangerous. It is the custom for the larger boats carrying dories to drop these off when the fishing grounds have been reached, and when they are ready to come on board the boats sail down and pick up the dories. In doing this the ELLIDA M. Horton ran into Rogers' dory, with fatal result. Several other crews had a similar experience, but luckily all managed to get on board the larger boats. Rogers was about forty years of age and leaves a widow. The dory had only received a scratch from a severe accident, having while work, fallen down an elevator shaft of the Canso Cold Storage Company's freezer.

SYDNEY WORKS MORE PROSPEROUS THAN EVER

All Previous Records Likely to be Broken by This Month's Output.

SYDNEY, N. S., Dec. 26.—Last Friday was the second anniversary of the "blowing" of blast furnace No. 4 of the Dominion Iron and Steel Co. From the time of the commencement with the exception of the three months following the strike at the works, the furnace has been in continuous operation. This is regarded as an extraordinary record for the operating of a furnace without any repairs or renewal of lining, etc. In the twenty-one months it has been operating it has turned out 14,850 tons of pig iron, or an average of seven thousand tons monthly. On the production of this one furnace the government has paid a bounty to the amount of \$223,000. In all the producing departments of the steel company, previous records stand to receive a smashing this month. The month's record at the open hearth is particularly gratifying and the same is true of the roll mill. With four working days remaining the output is expected to be equal to the best previous record for any one month. The output at the roll mill continues to be satisfactory both in quantity and quality, and the present year approaches its close with excellent prospects for the future.

IS 76 YEARS OLD; CHARGED WITH MURDER

WESTBROOK, Conn., Dec. 26.—Corner Stephen B. Davis of Middletown today held an inquest into the death of Hans Treible, who died yesterday as the result of wounds said to have been inflicted by his brother-in-law, Michael Fischer, and as the result says that Treible's death was caused by the brutal attack of Fischer on the latter's farm last Friday.

Fischer probably will be bound over to the superior court on the charge of murder in the first degree. The autopsy performed this afternoon showed that the death of Treible was due to meningitis brought on by the wounds in his head. Fischer attacked Treible with an axe as the result of his suspicion that Treible had stolen a basket of apples from him. The accused man is 76 years old.

MILWAUKEE, Wis., Dec. 25.—Judge Murray F. Tuley of Chicago died at the Panovier Sanitarium in Kenosha this afternoon. He went to the sanitarium on October 1st, suffering from nervous exhaustion caused by overwork.



Jane thought I had gone stark mad. '73's sympathy toward Louis, for the

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ST. JOHN, N. B., DEC. 30, 1905.

PROVINCIAL FINANCE.

In his budget speech of last March Mr. Tweedie estimated that the ordinary receipts of the current fiscal year would exceed the revenue by \$16,000. It was pointed out at the time that Mr. Tweedie was always predicting surpluses and always declaring deficits.

But this is relatively a small matter. The so-called regular expenditure is only a part of the money that the government regularly expends. A large part of the ordinary outlay for roads and bridges now appears as an extra.

The condition of Central Railway finance is not clearly set forth in the statement. There is a record of a loan of \$35,000 in connection with railway subsidies. It is further stated that \$550,000 has been borrowed from the Credit Foncier, but this was probably required to take up matured bonds.

The debt has been greatly increased during the year, as it has every year for a long time back. The acknowledged interest charge of last year exceeded that of the previous year by more than \$4,000. The real increase is greater than this, for part of it is charged to public works and other accounts.

A PROPHET OF DOOM.

The zealous editor of the New Glasgow Eastern Chronicle is an opponent of church union. His leading article this week is headed, "The Doom of the Presbyterian Church of Canada." This is the way the Eastern Chronicle works out the ghastly theme:

gains ecclesiastical iconoclasm will increase that day. As for the proposed creed, or the absence of creed, we would judge from the report that all that is wanting to make it complete would be the suggestion that the proposed creed be called the "United Creedless Church of Canada," or "The Church where you can get to Heaven in any old way."

A cursory glance at this protest suggests that the author is more concerned with names than facts. He probably felt the same way when the Presbyterian board in Canada were invited to one with a creed which the members do not believe, and to which the clergy assent with a mental reservation.

The Laurier organ at Winnipeg announces in a somewhat impressive manner that Mr. Haultain has himself to blame for the position he occupies. He might have been premier of Saskatchewan. The Free Press says:

"If Haultain had declared that the school settlement arrived at between the western liberals and the government was satisfactory... he would unquestionably have been called upon to form a government in Saskatchewan."

Mr. Haultain does not need to be told this now. Does anyone suppose that he did not know why he was excluded from the premiership by the local instrument of the Laurier government? Mr. Haultain knew well at what price he might have bought office and position.

ANOTHER CANADIAN IN BRITISH POLITICS.

To the seven Canadian candidates for the imperial house of commons previously named, is now added Donald MacMaster, K. C., lately one of the leaders of the Montreal bar, and a member also of the bar of Ontario. It was only a few months ago that Mr. MacMaster removed to England to devote himself to the practice of his profession in the higher courts of the Empire.

There was a time when Mr. MacMaster shone in Canadian legislatures. He began in the Ontario legislature, representing Gengarry, the county of his birth. The same constituency sent him to Ottawa in 1882, and he seemed likely at one time to secure for that Scottish county representation in the government, if he desired it.

THE CRISIS IN RUSSIA.

The Russian revolutionists are doing all that is possible to prevent the establishment of free institutions in their country. It is obvious that Count Witte is trying to make the Russians a free and self-governing people. No less plain is it that no constitutional reform can be accomplished with the country in the present state.

leaders of the insurgents. They are for something else than freedom and justice. Nothing but the complete abolition of the Russian Empire will satisfy the chiefs of the revolutionary party. That will probably be accomplished if the numerous rebellions cannot be put down for ever, and not appear that they can be suppressed or prevented in any other way.

A PURE CAMPAIGN.

Mr. Rufus Pope, the conservative candidate in Compton, has issued an address to the electors, declaring that he has accepted nomination on the absolute condition that the contest will be run strictly on the lines of clean politics. His conditions were that there should be no money or other undue influence, and that the use of alcoholic liquors should be absolutely prohibited in the committee rooms or elsewhere in connection with the election.

DR. PUGSLEY'S CONTRADICTIONS.

The attorney general contradicts the report published by this journal of the home that a provincial election in this province is liable to take place next year. Dr. Pugsley says that he has no trouble with the lumbermen and that the financial condition of the province is not unsatisfactory.

AN ARCHBISHOP ON TEMPERANCE.

Mgr. Bruchesi, Archbishop of Montreal, has taken frequent occasion to expostulate and protest against the drinking habits of society. These declarations have been followed by an official pronouncement, which was read last Sunday in all the churches of his archdiocese.

GOD'S TOUCH.

She lies in state, and a long stemmed rose is laid on her bosom in sweet repose. And the choicest flowers that breathe and are fragrant, are clustered about her in beauty rare.

BEHOLD, HE CAME WITH A QUICKENING BREATH.

Behold, he came with a quickening breath, and brief was the call, ere the soul had sped to a home of love, and beauty, and truth.

THE LITTLE ONES' VOICES HAVE LOST THEIR RING.

The little ones' voices have lost their ring, and the house stands like a haunted thing. A step is missing, and a laugh has gone, and the merry jingling in a tender tone, God claims His own; and may her's be the joy.

MRS. G. STEWART

It is with feelings of the deepest regret that we have to announce the death yesterday morning of Mrs. Geo. Stewart, wife of the eminent and well known lawyer, Dr. George Stewart, whose contributions to our country have so often given pleasure to our readers.

YOU NEED THE OTHER.

Ozone is a germ killer and a valuable remedy, but to get the best results from it you must have a tonic laxative to take with it. "Solution of Ozone (the coupon kind)" is the purest and best form in which Ozone is sold.

MRS. FITZSIMMONS AT SIOUX CITY.

Robert Fitzsimmons, wife of the prize fighter, has arrived in this city. Her presence has started gossip as to a possible divorce suit.

FOUR HOTELS WILL CLOSE BARS

Boston Proprietors Decide to Suspend Liquor Sale Until More Favorable Time.

BOSTON, Dec. 27.—The barrooms connected with four of the leading hotels in this city will be closed tomorrow morning and no liquor will be served under any conditions in any part of these hotels.

The hotelmen refused to state what will be done in the matter, but two courses are open to them—to await the issuance of new licenses, following the removal of the old licenses, which would necessitate nearly three weeks of closed bars, or to await possible action by the legislature in the way of more liberal liquor legislation.

MAINE FEARS SMALLPOX FROM NEW BRUNSWICK.

Maine has thus far this fall been free from the dread scourge of smallpox in spite of the fact that there have been many cases across the border. It is, of course, to be sincerely hoped that the contagion will not make its appearance on this side of the boundary and the authorities who are on guard along the frontier are very vigilant and doing everything in their power to prevent its entry.

A report received at the office of the secretary of the State board Tuesday, from the inspector, Dr. M. L. Young of Vanceboro, states that large crowds had been going east into the province, owing to the heavy travel the trains had been running in two sections. He also states that during the past week the number of people who had been inspected was over 300 daily.

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SCHOOL INSPECTORS CONFERENCE

FREDERICTON, N. B., Dec. 27.—The semi-annual conference between the school inspectors of the province and Chief Superintendent Inch was held at the education office here this afternoon and evening.

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DON'T NEGLECT A COLD. Neglected Colds Lead to Consumption.



How Consumption Develops.

Nine cases of consumption out of ten occur in this way: A person catches cold. The cold is dilly-dallied with, either by a treatment whatever or some treatment that is ineffectual, and the cold continues.

Then another cold is caught and a cough develops. Cough syrups are resorted to, but they give only temporary relief. By and by the patient gets tired of taking medicines and cough syrups and gives up in despair.

The cold continues to develop and the cough grows worse. Then the doctor is called in, only to discover that the patient is in the first stages of consumption.

This is what Peruna is doing all the while. Not a day, and probably not an hour passes in which some one does not have a similar experience with Peruna. Cure the Slight Colds and Avoid Consumption.

Thousands of Testimonials. We have on file thousands of testimonials from people who have been cured of catarrh of the lungs by Peruna. We can give our readers only a slight glimpse of the vast array of unsolicited endorsements we are receiving every month.

How Pretty Miss Powell Was Restored to Health by Pe-ru-na. Miss Lillian Powell, Aurora, Ind., writes: 'Last spring I caught a severe cold from getting my feet wet and being out in the rain, and in a day I had a most miserable cold, but I neglected it, thinking it would soon leave me. But it hung to me for two weeks, when I felt something must be done, as my condition was serious. I had heard so much about Peruna and in its praise that I bought a bottle and began taking it regularly. I was gratified to find that in a week the cold and cough was broken up, and three weeks' treatment completely restored my usual good health.'

PREFONTAINE'S BODY COMING ON A WARSHIP

OTTAWA, Ont., Dec. 27.—Premier Laurier of France, cables Sir Wilfrid Laurier as follows: 'I have just learned of the sudden death in Paris of Hon. Raymond Prefontaine, minister of marine and fisheries of Canada, with whom we were so happy the past few days in France. I wish to say that we share with you the sorrow you feel over the loss of so distinguished a man, and to convey to you the very sincere condolence of the government of the republic.'

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YORK LOAN MAY PAY 60c. ON THE DOLLAR.

St. John Shareholders Still Refuse to Surrender Evidences of Claims to the Liquidators. An adjourned meeting was held yesterday afternoon in J. Roy Campbell's offices of the lawyers who represent local shareholders in the York Loan Company. A telegram was received from Chairman Naylor, on behalf of the Halifax shareholders, asking what action was being taken by the St. John men.

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PROVINCIAL NEWS

GRAND MANAN, Dec. 28.—The schools have shut up for the holidays and the teachers are away to their homes for the Christmas festivities.

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Herring are still plentiful. Good line fishing is also reported. Capt. Judson L. Gupitil, sr., is seriously ill at his residence, Grand Harbor. Dr. John MacAulay is in attendance.

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WOLFVILLE NEWS.

WOLFVILLE, N. S., Dec. 28.—The New Brunswick students from the Acadia institutions left for their homes on Wednesday and will have three weeks' vacation. The teachers of Acadia Seminary will spend the holidays as follows: Principal De Wolfe, Vice Principal Miss Small, Miss Minnie Chipman and Miss Edith Rand will remain here; Prof. and Mrs. Maxin have gone to their home at Waterville, Me.; Miss Tredale will be the guest of Mrs. Elliot Smith at Greenwich; Miss Ursula Archer went to St. John and will proceed to her home in Toronto; Miss Lillian Moore has gone to her home at Melrose, Mass.; Miss Doynton is visiting her friend, Miss Louise Cunningham, at Gaysboro; Miss Margaret Lynds at Hopewell, N. B.; Miss Elizabeth Middleton; Miss Webster Harding at Chgo.; Miss Buel at Truro; Miss Jackson at Somerset; Miss Pride at River Hebert; and Miss Margaret De Wolfe at Dartmouth.

Miss Cella Keirstead of the Acadia senior class has gone to St. Stephen to spend her holidays. Misses Lavinia Lewis and Mary Goss have gone to their homes in Hillsboro for Christmas. Mrs. C. B. Whidden left on Wednesday for St. John to take the C. P. R. train for Kansas City, where she will spend Christmas with her sister, Mrs. Snow, and then proceed to Blaine, California, where she will visit her sister, Mrs. Hattie Brough, formerly of Antigonish.

Dr. Lewis Hunt of England, and Judge and Mrs. Savory of Annapolis, are spending Christmas at the home of their sister, Mrs. A. C. Chute, at Clifford T. Jones, Acadia, '93, a prosperous barrister at Calgary, is, after an absence of twelve years, visiting his mother, Joseph Jones, his brother, John C. Jones of Chicago, is also here for a short visit.

Mrs. George Wickwire of Canning has moved to Kentville, where she will reside with her daughter, Mrs. A. W. Starr. Mr. and Mrs. T. W. Outhit of Melvern Square celebrated the fiftieth anniversary of their marriage on Tuesday, J. F. Outhit, barrister of Parrsboro, editor of the "Parrsboro Leader," a son, was present on this pleasant occasion.

Henry Hill of Nauwigewauk, N. B., has purchased the farm of J. T. Jackson on John's street, and will take possession in the near future. One of the largest meteors ever seen in this county was said to have fallen in Kentville on Sunday night, illuminating the whole town.

Sydney Gould of Kentville was called to Boston on account of the serious illness of his daughter, Mrs. Grace Lloyd. Roy Seelye of St. John is visiting his father, Frank Wortman, at the home of Prof. L. E. Wortman. At the forty-second session of the Fruit Growers' Association at Annapolis, John Donohoe of Port Williams was elected president, and G. C. Miller vice-president. Those appointed to represent the association at the federal conference at Ottawa were R. S. Eaton, Kentville; Robert W. Starr, Wolfville; G. C. Miller, S. C. Parker and W. Sangster. Their expenses are to be paid.

A proxy wedding took place at Argyle on Wednesday at the residence of O. W. Slocomb, when his youngest daughter, Miss May Slocomb, was married to George H. Palmer of St. John. The ceremony was performed by the Rev. C. W. Rose of Yarmouth. Mr. and Mrs. Charles E. Starr left for St. John on Wednesday, en route for Boston, where they will spend Christmas with their son, Frank Starr, who is one of the instructors of the Boston School of Technology. Editor Lawford of the Western Chronicle has gone to Boston to visit his brother.

Mrs. (Capt.) W. A. Harrie, who came north from New Orleans on account of the yellow fever and has been staying in Hantsport, has returned to her home accompanied by her daughters. Major Roscoe of St. John is en route for Ottawa on a business trip. Mr. and Mrs. Vernon Griffin of Port Williams have gone to Boston to visit their friends for a few weeks.

HOPEWELL HILL, Dec. 28.—Today was a typical Christmas day—bright, crisp, and with roads excellent for sleighing, which pastime was indulged in to a considerable extent. Yesterday Christmas services were held in all the churches. Principal Trueman of the Consolidated School and Mrs. Trueman are spending the holidays in Point de Bute. The other day Chas. Ayer of Hopewell Cape shipped by rail 28 tons of salt mud to Rothesay, to be used as a fertilizer on Capt. H. A. Calhoun's farm at that place. Shepody mud is a somewhat unique cargo for the railway, but it is a native of this county, known as a good thing by experience.

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J. L. Allingham of Getageton spent a few days with friends here this week. Samuel Stewart, messenger at the Dorchester penitentiary, is at his old home at the Cape for the holidays.

W. J. Buchanan, who is recovering from an attack of appendicitis, was unable to preach Sunday. The Rev. Ralph Horton supplied for him in the morning and the Rev. J. C. McCullough in the evening. Nelson Riley of Milton has purchased one-third share in the John Gilles Co., undertakers and embalmers' establishment, Calais. Border Lodge, K. of P., install their officers next Monday evening, after which an oyster supper will be served. Miss Christine Whidden is the guest of her sister, Mrs. Walter Ganong, Main street. Mrs. Chas. Eaton was the guest of relatives in town during part of last week. Miss Helen Fox left Saturday to spend Christmas with friends in Fredericton.

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Passed, schs Oakley C Curtis, from Philadelphia for Portland; Helena, from Perth Amboy for Frankfort, Me; Mary H H D, from Bath for coal port; Lewis H. Brown, from Port Jervis for Baltimore; Millie, from Walton, NS, for New York. HAVANA, Cuba, Dec 25—Arld, str Arctica, from Havana, Swanes, Wales. FALL RIVER, Mass, Dec 28—Arld, schs Georgia Pearl, from St. John, N. B. BOOTHBY HARBOR, Me, Dec 26—Arld, schs Wandrian, from Walton, NS; Earl of Aberdeen, from Wentworth, NS; Myra Sears, from Ellsworth, Me. BOSTON, Dec 26—Arld, strs Windfred, from Liverpool; Ottoman, from do; schs Walter M Young, from do; from do; schs W. H. Child, from St. John, N. B.; Clifford G. from do; Alaska, from River Hebert, NS; Demoselle, from do; Cox and Green, from Belfast, Ga; Governor Ames, from Norfolk, Va; W. H. Water, from Philadelphia, Pa; Sarah W Lawrence, from do; Harry Knowlton, from New York; Thomas B Reed, from Gardiner, Me; Portland Packet, from Red Beach, Me. Sid, schs Olivia, from Clementsport, NS; Alcega, for Lunenburg, NS; Minnie Pearl, for Mahone Bay, NS. Sid, strs Boston, for Yarmouth, NS; Catalone, for Louisbourg, CB; barks Athens, for Bath, N. S.; Agda, for Buenos Ayres; schs G M Cochran, for Port Greenville, NS; Samuel J Goucher, for Hampton Roads for orders. CALAIS, Me, Dec 26—Arld, barge No 4, from Pictou, N. S. in tow. PORTLAND, Me, Dec 26—Arld, str Universe, Bull, from North Sydney, C B; schs Benjamin F Poole, McCully, from Baltimore; W O Nettleton, from Brooksville, N. S.; Cyprian King, with barges Gypsum Empire and No 21, from Windsor, NS, for New York. SAUNDERSTOWN, R. I., Dec 26—Passed, schs Lois V Chaples, from St John, N. B.; str Greenway, Conn. NEW YORK, Dec 26—Arld, str Canada, from Liverpool; schs Marjory A Spencer, from Charleston. Sid, str Oceanic, for Liverpool; Centaur, do; La Champagne, for Antwerp (old 23); bark St Croix, for Rosario; schs Priscilla, for St. John, N. B.; Hugh John, for Halifax. Sid, bark E C Mowatt, for Philadelphia; schs John M Brown, for Fernandina; E A Wood, for Cayenne.

Miscellaneous. HOPEWELL HILL, N. B., Dec 28.—The str Beaver, freight, freight at Riverside. She goes to St. John to lie up. KINGSTON, Ja, Dec 28.—The steam yacht Niagara with her owner, Howard Gould, arrived here yesterday. The yacht will cruise in Jamaican waters for a few days. NORFOLK, Va, Dec 28.—The British str Lincoln, having lost at sea three blades of her propeller, passed in the Virginia Capes today in tow of the British str Trojan. The Lincoln sailed from Newport News, Va, Dec 22. The accident occurred twenty miles southeast of Cape Hatteras and was caused by the vessel striking some obstruction in the ocean. NEW YORK, Dec 26—Str Celtic, from Liverpool and Queenstown, for New York, in communication by wireless telegraph with Cape Race, the disease 140 miles southeast of that point; will dock 2 p. m. Friday. PITTSBURG, Dec 28.—The corner's office notified today that William Deasy, three years old, died today from the alleged effects of eating poisoned candy. A five year old child in the same family also is seriously ill, showing the same symptoms, and still little hope for his recovery is entertained. An investigation is being made. NEW YORK, Dec 26.—Afflicted with astasia or spinal meningitis, more than a score of horses dropped in the streets of Brooklyn today, and at least half of them succumbed, the disease before a veterinary could reach them. Every veterinary surgeon in the section was called into service, and they were busy until late tonight trying to check the spread of the disease. Up to 6 o'clock one veterinarian had been called to attend 13 cases, nine of which were fatal. All the animal hospitals are crowded with horses which have only a slight chance to recover. BRIDGEPORT, Conn., Dec. 28.—The mystery surrounding the death of Charles R. Wordin, the young man who died suddenly at a boarding house in John street, Sunday, was cleared up

BRITISH COLUMBIA.

Two Men Released From Russian Prisons

Tell of Several Others Confined There —A Modern Robinson Crusoe

Returns Home.

VICTORIA, B. C., Dec. 27.—Steamer Tees brought to Hartley Bay on her down trip a Norwegian sailor named Lunsberg, who has had a unique experience. Lunsberg was going in a launch from Portland Canal to Kitti-maal, when his craft was wrecked. He managed, however, to make Pearce Island, which is uninhabited, where he put in a Robinson Crusoe experience for three weeks. His provisions then failed, and he improvised a raft with sea sweeps and after many adventures, reached Port Nelson, where he was picked up by the Tees.

Grant and Findlay, two Victoria boys who had been imprisoned in Russia, and were released through the efforts of the British and Canadian governments, have arrived home. They bring the startling news that a number of men well known to this coast, including another Victoria boy, all of whom were believed to have been lost at sea, are languishing in a Russian prison far up the Amur river. The facts were obtained from a number of Japanese prisoners, who were serving time at Medved, when Findlay and Grant arrived there.

The men in question consist of Capt. K. Thompson, navigator of the sealing schooner Diana, which sailed under a number of flags, but which has not been heard from since she left Yokohama a year ago; last August on a sealing cruise to the Behring Sea; Ed. McNeill, Victoria; Sealer George McCandish of California, and Joe Knapp, of Washington, together with a Spanish boy named Joe Marve of Guama. The crew were raiding Robbin Island, twelve miles south of Sakhalin, when the cruiser Lena caught them and destroyed their schooner. They were all taken to Nibolaki, where they were kept five months, finally being sentenced to a year and four months' imprisonment, the captain, who was looked upon as an old offender, being sentenced to irons.

The St. Martins and Upham Railway will close down for the winter on Tuesday next. The last trip will be made on Monday.

ALMA.

ALMA, Dec. 28.—Lawson Stewart of Wolford was in town yesterday. His Christmas passed off noisily for a Scott Act village.

Dr. E. Rommel of Elgin spent Christmas at home. Miss Munson was married yesterday to Miss Lavinia Alexander at Herring Cove. The Rev. Thomas Hicks tied the nuptial knot.

Lowell Foster is second year student in medicine at McGill, not a first year, as reported.

QUEBEC, Dec. 27.—At St. Victor de Alfred, a family named St. Jules was accidentally poisoned. Mrs. O. St. Jules whose husband is away from home in the woods, made cakes and by mistake used arsenic instead of baking powder. Children aged 5 and 9 are dead, two others are ill and Mrs. St. Jules and her mother are dying.

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today when an autopsy was made on his body. The autopsy revealed a 22 calibre bullet lodged in the brain. It was lodged there four years ago when Wordin attempted to commit suicide. A cyst formed with the bullet in it, and Sunday morning, according to the doctors, the cyst broke, allowing foreign substance about the bullet to escape, causing instant death.

SANTO DOMINGO CITY IS QUIET. Cabinet Officers Performing Their Duties Without Any Trouble.

WASHINGTON, D. C., Dec. 27.—The state department today received by cable from San Domingo advices which throw much needed light on the revolutionary disturbance reported there yesterday. These were to the effect that the diplomatic corps had been notified by the Dominican minister for foreign affairs, General Tejera, that the president, (Morales) having abandoned the capital, leaving the government without an acting head, the cabinet had called upon the vice-president (General Caeseres) to take charge, pending the temporary failure of the president to exercise his functions.

The city of Santo Domingo was quiet and the cabinet officers were exercising their functions without interruption. President Morales was reported to be at Kaima, ten or twelve miles from the capital, among a band of revolutionists who were fighting there. It was reported that the new government, appointed

FIND SUBSTANTIAL UNITY EXISTS AMONG CHURCHES

As Result of Conference--Official Committee Reports of the Negotiations Encourage Hope That Governing Bodies Will Ratify the Union.

TORONTO, Dec. 23.—The official report of the proceedings of the church union committee, which has been in session this week in the Metropolitan church, prepared and published under authority by the secretaries, was made public last evening. "Throughout the whole session," says the report, "the utmost harmony and brotherly feeling prevailed, all the members apparently being animated by one purpose, namely, to reach conclusions that would be for the glory of the church union, and the more rapid extension of His Kingdom throughout the world." The result is that a practical basis for church union has been arrived at, which embraces the best and most distinctive elements in the Methodist, Presbyterian and Congregational churches. It is to be understood that these reports are not final. They only indicate the lines along which the committee has been proceeding to ascertain if a basis of union can be reached that will be satisfactory to all the churches. They will be sent forward to the governing bodies or councils of the various churches for consideration. The joint committee respecting these reports is summed up in the following resolution, which was moved by Rev. Principal Scrimger and seconded by Rev. Principal Shaw, and unanimously adopted: "That this joint committee, having received the reports of the various sub-committees on doctrine, polity, and ministry administration, and also the reports of the various denominational committees, rejoices to find the substantial unity existing among the negotiating churches, and feels encouraged in continuing further negotiations for union."

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ARTICLE I.—OF GOD.
We believe in the one only living and true God, who is a Spirit, and the Father of our Spirits; infinite, eternal and unchangeable in His being and perfections; the Lord Almighty, most just in all His ways, most glorious in holiness, unsearchable in wisdom, and plentiful in mercy, full of love and compassion, and abundant in goodness and truth. We worship Him, Father, Son and Holy Ghost, three persons in one Godhead, one in substance and equal in power and glory.

ARTICLE II.—OF REVELATION.
We believe that God is revealed in part in nature, in history, and in the heart of man; and that the most precious and clearer revelations of Himself to men of God who spoke as they were moved by the Holy Spirit; and that Jesus Christ, the Word made flesh, is the brightest and the Father's glory and the express image of His person. We gratefully receive the Holy Scriptures of the Old Testament and New Testament given by inspiration, as the faithful record of God's gracious revelations and the sure witness to Christ, as the Word of God, the only infallible rule of faith and life.

ARTICLE III.—OF THE DIVINE PURPOSE.
We believe that the eternal, wise, holy, and loving purpose of God embraces all events, and that the freedom of man is not taken away, nor is God the author of sin, yet in His providence He makes all things work together in the fulfillment of His design and the manifestation of His glory.

ARTICLE IV.—OF CREATION AND PROVIDENCE.
We believe that God is the Creator, upholder, and governor of all things; that He is above all His works and in them all; and that He made man in His own image, meet for fellowship with Him, free and able to choose between good and evil, and forever responsible to his Maker and Lord.

ARTICLE V.—OF THE SIN OF MAN.
We believe that our first parents, being tempted, chose evil, and so fell away from God and came under the power of sin, the penalty of which is eternal death; and we confess that, by reason of this disobedience, we and all men are born with a sinful nature, that we have broken God's law, and that no man can be saved but by His grace.

ARTICLE VI.—OF THE GRACE OF GOD.
We believe that God, out of His great love for the world, has given His only begotten Son to be the Saviour of sinners, and in the gospel freely offers His all-sufficient salvation to all men. We believe also that God, from the beginning, in His own good pleasure, gave to His Son people an innumerable multitude, chosen in Christ unto holiness, service and salvation.

ARTICLE VII.—OF THE LORD JESUS CHRIST.
We believe in and confess the Lord Jesus Christ, the only mediator between God and man, who, being the eternal Son of God, for us men and for our salvation became truly man, being conceived of the Holy Ghost and born of the Virgin Mary, without sin; unto us He has revealed the Father, by His Word and Spirit making known the perfect will of God; for us He fulfilled all righteousness and satisfied eternal justice, offering Himself a per-

which implies our relation to the covenant of grace and consecration to the Christian life, and typifies our union to Christ and regeneration of the Spirit and the washing away of our sins. The proper subjects of baptism are believers and infants, presented by their parents or guardians in the Christian faith. In the latter case the parents should promise to train up their children in the nurture and admonition of the Lord, and the church is under the most solemn obligation to provide for their Christian instruction.

(2) The Lord's supper is the sacrament of communion with Christ and with His people, in which bread and wine are given and received in thankful remembrance of Him and His sacrifice on the cross, and which they who in faith receive the same do, after the manner, partake of the body and blood of the Lord Jesus Christ to their comfort, nourishment and growth in grace. All those who make a credible profession of their faith in the Lord Jesus Christ, and are living in obedience to His law, and are free from scandal, crime and open sin.

ARTICLE XVI.—OF THE MINISTRY.
We believe that Jesus Christ, as the supreme head of the church, has appointed a ministry of the word, that the church, under the guidance of the Spirit of Christ, recognizes and chooses those whom He calls, and who shall be thereupon officially set apart to the work of the ministry.

ARTICLE XVII.—OF CHURCH ORDER AND FELLOWSHIP.
We believe that the Lord Jesus Christ is the sole head of the church, that His worship, teaching, discipline and government should be administered according to the Word of God, and that the members of the church, chosen for their fitness and duty set apart to their office; and, although the visible church may contain unworthy members and is liable to error, yet believers ought not lightly to separate themselves from its communion, but are to live in fellowship with its brethren, which fellowship is to be extended as God gives opportunity to all who in every place call upon the name of the Lord Jesus Christ.

ARTICLE XVIII.—OF THE RESURRECTION, AND THE LAST JUDGMENT AND THE FUTURE LIFE.
We believe that there shall be a resurrection of the dead, both of the just and of the unjust, through the power of the Son of God, who shall come to judge the quick and the dead; that the finally impenitent shall suffer eternal death, and the righteous shall abide in blessedness for ever with God.

ARTICLE XIX.—OF CHRISTIAN SERVICE AND THE FINAL TRIUMPH.
We believe that it is our duty, as servants and friends of Christ, to do good unto all men, to maintain the public and private worship of God, to hallow the Lord's Day, and to preserve the inviolability of marriage and the sanctity of the family, to uphold the just authority of the state, and so to live in all honesty, purity and charity.

REPORT OF SUB-COMMITTEE ON POLITY.
The committee submitted the following recommendations, which were passed unanimously, as inflections of the lines along which they believe it possible to frame a polity for a church to be formed by the union of the three negotiating denominations:

1. That the governing bodies of the church to be formed by union be four in number; that they shall be the three highest be the general assembly, the annual conference, and the district council.

2. That each of these governing bodies consist of an equal number of laymen and ministers, to be chosen by the governing bodies next below, the ministerial members of each annual conference to be the ministers on the rolls of the district councils within its bounds.

3. That the general assembly meet every second year; that its presiding officer be also the chief executive of the united church; and that during his term of office he be relieved of his pastoral duties.

4. That the general assembly have full power to legislate with respect to (a) The number and boundaries of the annual conferences, and (b) The qualifications of the ministry.

5. That the general assembly be empowered to legislate with respect to (a) The number and boundaries of the annual conferences, and (b) The qualifications of the ministry.

6. That the annual conference be subordinated to the general assembly; that they meet annually; that they have power to determine the bounds of the district councils; that they hear and

charge, and to teach nothing which is not agreeable thereto? (C) Do you believe the statement of doctrine of the United Church, as you understand it, to be agreeable to the teaching of the Holy Scriptures, and is your own personal faith in essential agreement therewith; and as a minister of this church do you pledge adherence thereto? (Signed) W. Patrick, Chairman. J. S. Ross, Secretary.

REPORT OF SUB-COMMITTEE ON ADMINISTRATION.
The committee reported that with the exception of the hurried meeting at the close of the union conference last year, no meeting of this committee had been held until this week, when an informal discussion took place of the methods of administration that obtain in the three negotiating denominations. After a somewhat minute consideration of the principles upon which the various churches manage their missionary, educational, benevolent, publishing and other agencies, it was decided to report to the general committee that, while obstacles to the organic union of these three churches may have to be faced in connection with the questions of administration, this sub-committee believes they are not likely to prove more difficult than in former union movements, and can all be removed if approached in a spirit of mutual concession and with a due regard to existing interests.

3. That the present practices of the three negotiating denominations with respect to membership, church order, and discipline, be retained, and that the best features of both systems may be retained. We therefore recommend as follows: 1. Pastoral service shall be without a time-limit. 2. Ministers on their own application and pastored churches on the governing body, in writing, may at any time, seek a change of pastoral relation by application to the governing body.

4. There shall be a settlement committee appointed for the various sections of the church annually, whose duty it shall be to consider all applications for pastoral service, and to recommend to the governing body, with a view of completing arrangements to secure necessary and desirable settlements.

5. The settlement committee shall be empowered, in the event of a vacancy occurring, to make an appointment to such a vacancy, until the current year, after consultation with the congregation.

6. The settlement committee shall have authority to initiate correspondence with ministers and churches with a view of completing arrangements to secure necessary and desirable settlements.

COMMITTEE ON TRANSFERS.
This shall also be a committee on transfers, which may be composed of the highest court of the church, with the convenor and chairman of the committee, together with the chairmen of the several sectional committees. This committee shall have authority to transfer ministers and probationers from one section to another in harmony with the plan outlined in sections 4, 5, & 6.

7. It shall be the policy of the church that every congregation shall have, as far as possible, a pastor without interruption, and that every effective minister shall have a charge.

8. It is suggested that members of the governing body shall be appointed by official ballot, subject to the existing synods, conferences or unions.

TRAINING FOR THE MINISTRY.
On this subject the committee recommends as follows: "That the attainment of a degree is desirable before a student enters on the study of theology; but that in cases where that is unattainable there be two alternative courses, constituted as follows: (a) Three years at least in articulation; (b) Two years under the supervision of a body corresponding to a district council, with appropriate studies, and four years of a mixed arts and theological course in college.

9. Further, that no candidate be recommended for the ministry unless he has been first recommended by a body corresponding to a session, a quarterly board, or a local church."

THE RELATION OF A MINISTER TO THE DOCTRINES OF THE CHURCH.
The committee recommends: (1) That the duty of inquiry into the personal character, doctrinal beliefs and general fitness of candidates for the ministry shall be laid upon the district council.

(2) Further, that candidates for ordination shall be asked the following questions: (a) Do you believe yourself to be now a child of God through faith in our Lord Jesus Christ? Do you believe yourself to be truly called to the office of the Christian ministry, and that your motives are pure for the glory of God, love to the Lord Jesus Christ, and desire for the salvation of men? (b) Are you persuaded that the Holy Scriptures contain sufficiently distinct doctrines required for eternal salvation in our Lord Jesus Christ? And are you resolved out of the said scriptures to instruct the people committed to your

CHRISTMAS.
E. SEARS.
Let Gladness be on hand today To drive all gloom and care away; Let Faith awaken and abide In Him whose is this Christmastide.

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We live and move in Him, who gave The lessons that this world must have; Peace and goodwill through Him descend In countless blessings without end.

Then let us join with Angels' voice, In happy song let us rejoice, And thank the Father for the way He gave His Son our Christmas Day, Christmas, 1903.

NEW CHURCH OF ENGLAND HYMN BOOK.
LONDON, Dec. 23.—It has been decided that the new Church of England hymn book will be published by the Clarendon Press, Oxford, next March. The failure of the revised edition of "Hymns Ancient and Modern," produced a host of competing schemes and gave a great impetus to several existing hymn books, especially to "Church Hymns." This latter volume issued eighteen months ago by the Society for Promoting Christian Knowledge has had a large English and an especially large colonial sale except in Canada whose synod desired for patriotic reasons to compile a hymn book of its own.

The new hymn book will presumably have a certain High Church bias as it has been compiled by a committee of which the Rev. and Hon. A. Hanbury-Tracy is chairman, and Mr. Atholstan Riley, the Rev. W. H. H. Jervois and Mr. D. C. Lathbury are among the members; another member being Mr. W. J. Diskbeck who is responsible for a part of the music. Dr. Vaughan Williams is, however, the musical editor. It is very difficult to displace an existing book especially one like "Hymns Ancient and Modern," which has established itself among the average party men and women, and has even a certain state cachet, inasmuch as it has been adopted by the army and navy. The new book's respectful attention as it comprises some of the best writers.

WIRELESS A BOON TO SHIPS AND LIFE.
Commander of Newport Station Prepares Instructive Record of New Telegraph System—Aids Search For Derelicts
WASHINGTON, D. C., Dec. 23.—Demonstration of the practical work of wireless telegraphy has been the object sought by Rear Admiral Manney, of the Bureau of Equipment, ever since the time the charge of the wireless work of the government was concentrated in his office. Principally this work has been along the lines of making the system which now extends on the Atlantic coast from northern-most Maine to Key West and then jumps across to Guantanamo, to Culebra, and Colon on the isthmus, a practical means of communication, just as accurate and reliable as would be a system of land wires and ocean cables.

A secondary matter, and a very important one in the view of the Bureau, is the work done by wireless telegraph in the way of saving life and property at sea. In order to definitely ascertain the present value of the wireless stations of the navy in this matter, Rear Admiral Manney recently sent a request to the wireless station at Newport, R. I., Commander Albert Gleaves in the rescue, asking for a report. In reply he forwarded the following instances in which wireless telegraph played an important part:—

January 2.—The *Pilgrim* reported that it had run down a schooner in the Sound and asked that a tug be sent to the rescue. February 5, Lightship No. 46 wired that she was jammed in the ice and in a dangerous position off Dumping Rocks. The *Hiet* was sent to her assistance and the lightship saved.

March 21.—The *Manitou* was reported with a thrust shaft fractured, and that report was forwarded to the ship's agents.

June 1.—The station notified the lightship on Nantucket Shoals to watch for a motor boat adrift.

August 20.—A message was received from the lightship that the British steamer *Korvada* had her low pressure piston broken, and the news was forwarded to the agents, The *Chattanooga* on the same day reported that she had passed a sunken wreck dangerous to navigation and the news was given through the wireless station to the Hydrographic office and navigators.

September 21.—German oil ship *Phoenix* reported that she had had a collision with an unknown steamer in a fog at night.

September 22.—While the *Columbia* was searching for the derelict *Warren* in a telegraph with the Philadelphia Marine Exchange was received giving the latest known location of the wreck. This was transmitted to the *Columbia* and enabled her to find and destroy the derelict two days ago.

December 8.—Steamer *Cowrie* reported passing the brigantine *Harry Smith* under a jury rudder. The information was sent to her owners.

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Dated December 20th, 1903.
Executor of the Last Will and Testament of Harriet Bennett, Deceased.
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CRAZMAN STARTS ON TRIP ABOUT STATE
Gathered Five Little Children in Waggon and Kept Them There—Fought When Captured.

CLINTON, Conn., Dec. 23.—Taken suddenly with a fit of insanity while recovering from the measles, Edwin Watrous, a middle-aged man living in Mystic, gathered his five small children together and putting them on a box wagon started six days ago on a wild ride about the state, begging food from house to house and not allowing the children to leave the wagon at any time. The father and his children slept on the wagon every night, and as the days passed the suffering of the little ones increased so that when they were overtaken near here tonight by Watrous' brother, the youngest of the lot, a two year old boy, was nearly dead. When the insane man saw his brother he started to fight, and it was only after a desperate struggle that Watrous was subdued. He was bound with ropes, put in a carriage and brought to the station here, and later taken to his home. Some of the children are said to be in a "dazed" condition.

Watrous was armed, it is said, and threatened several times to shoot people who tried to interfere with his trip.

POISON IN PUNCH AT A POLITICAL BANQUET.
Nine are Dead and Others Ill as a Result of a Political Plot.

EL PASO, Texas, Dec. 23.—At Torreon, Mexico, nine persons who were poisoned at a banquet Saturday night, have died and many others are ill. It is alleged that the poisoning was part of a political plot. Strychnine was put in a bowl of punch. All the dead are said to have been of one political faction. The members of the opposition factor who attended the banquet were not affected by the punch they drank.

TANGIER, Morocco, Dec. 23.—The Sultan of Morocco refuses to agree to the holding of the international conference on Moroccan reforms at Madrid instead of at Algiers.

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